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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

[MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS]

EVIDENCE

Standing Committee
on

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:00 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106 (1) and 106 (2).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Gordon Earle for Louise Hardy and Charles Hubbard for Lawrence O'Brien.

Other Members present: Rick Laliberté

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bernard Patry, seconded by John Finlay, it was agreed, - That Guy Saint-Julien be elected Chair of the Committee.

Accordingly, Guy Saint-Julien was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Bernard Patry, seconded by John Bryden, it was agreed, - That John Finlay be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mike Scott, seconded by Bernard Patry, it was agreed, - That Derrek Konrad be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of John Bryden, it was agreed, - That members be invited to make a brief statement of introduction to the Committee.

Claude Bachand moved, - That the Chair, the Vice-Chairs and one member from the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party appointed by the Chair after the usual consultations with the Whips of the different parties, do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

Bernard Patry moved, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five members are present, including two members of the Opposition.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

On motion of Bernard Patry, seconded by Mike Scott, it was agreed, - That witnesses be given ten minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated five minutes for the first questioner of each party, and thereafter, five minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Bernard Patry, seconded by Mike Scott, it was agreed, - That at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, according to the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, with a maximum of two representatives from any organization.

It was agreed, - That a draft motion concerning the disposition of transcripts of in camera meetings be allowed to stand.

ORDERED, - That the Clerk of the Committee prepare a briefing note on the application of the Access to Information and Privacy Acts to transcripts of in camera meetings and on the policy governing access to such transcripts held in the National Archives of Canada.

It was agreed, - That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee, the appropriate measures to provide lunches for the Committee and its Sub-Committees, for working purposes, and that the cost of these lunches be charged to the budget of the Committee.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, - That coffee be provided for Committee meetings and that the cost be charged to the budget of the Committee.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 30, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future Business



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 2

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 362, East Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Bernard Patry, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Claude Bachand, Louise Hardy and Gerald Keddy.

Acting Members present: Raymond Bonin for Judi Longfield and Sarmite Bulte for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) the Committee proceeded to the consideration of future business

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda which reads as follows:

The Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its FIRST REPORT to the Standing Committee.

Your Sub-Committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 and agreed to recommend the following:

That witnesses from the Territories wishing to make submissions on Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas, be invited to participate by videoconference from Yellowknife and Whitehorse respectively.

That the draft motion on the disposal of in camera transcripts, moved at the first meeting of the Committee, be withdrawn, and that the transcripts of in camera meetings be deposited in the National Archives in accordance with agreed practices.

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be invited to appear before the Committee to discuss the Main Estimates for 1997-98, following the completion of the Committee's study of Bills C-6 and C-8.

Respectfully submitted.

Derrek Konrad moved, - That the third recommendation be amended by replacing the words "following the completion of the Committee's study of Bills C-6 and C-8" with "before November 25, 1997".

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Claude Bachand, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, was concurred in.

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence its study of Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas, on Tuesday, November 4, 1997 with officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, followed by hearings via videoconferencing from Whitehorse later that day with witnesses whose names will be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee.

At 11:23 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Hermit Bajaj, Director, Fiscal Relations Directorate;

Hiram Beaubier, Director General, Natural Resources and Environment Branch;

Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Legal Services;

Mimi Fortier, Acting Director, Northern Oil and Gas Directorate;

Normand Tremblay, Economic Policy Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 3

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1996

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:08 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Bryon Wilfert, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy and Gerald Keddy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Mimi Fortier, Acting Director, Northern Oil and Gas Directorate; Normand Tremblay, Economic Policy Analyst, Northern Oil and Gas Directorate; Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Hiram Beaubier, Director General, Natural Resources and Environment Branch; Harmit Bajaj, Director, Fiscal Relations Directorate.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, October 28, 1997, being read as follows:

ORDERED, - That Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75 (1), consideration of the preamble and Clause 1 of the Bill was postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Mimi Fortier and Normand Tremblay made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:23 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until 6:15 p.m. this day.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the governments of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas

WITNESSES:

Council of Yukon First Nations:

Victor Mitander, Chief Negotiator.

Government of Yukon:

Maurice Albert, Deputy Minister, Department of Economic Development.

Liard First Nation:

Ann Bayne, Chief.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 6:18 o'clock p.m., this day by videoconference, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Bryon Wilfert, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy and Gerald Keddy.

Acting Members present: David Pratt for David Iftody and Larry McCormick for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Government of Yukon: Maurice Albert, Deputy Minister, Department of Economic Development. From the Council of Yukon First Nations: Victor Mitander, Chief Negotiator, Darryn Lees, Senior Advisor. From Liard First Nation: Chief Ann Bayne; Sam Donnessy, Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-8, An Act respecting an accord between the Government of Canada and the Yukon Territory relating to the administration and control of and legislative jurisdiction in respect of oil and gas. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 4, 1997, Meeting No.3)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

From Whitehorse, Yukon

Maurice Albert, Victor Mitander and Chief Ann Bayne made statements and answered questions.

The question being put on Clause 2, it carried.

Clauses 3 to 28 carried severally.

Clause 1 carried.

The preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, - That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 7:38 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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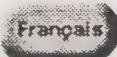
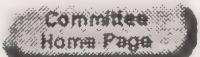
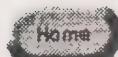
Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien

Meeting No. 5

Monday, November 17, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its future business



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 5

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 269 West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Bryon Wilfert, Derrek Konrad, Claude Bachand and Louise Hardy.

Acting Member present: Murray Calder for John Bryden.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) the Committee proceeded to the consideration of future business

On motion of Bryon Wilfert, it was agreed, - That the Committee's budget for the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, in the amount of \$154,500.00, be adopted.

It was agreed, - That testimony on Bill C-6 be completed by December 4, 1997.

It was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the Workplan for the study of Bill C-6, the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, subject to change at the discretion of the Chair.

At 4:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 18, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Deh Cho First Nations:

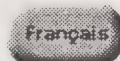
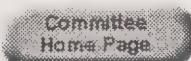
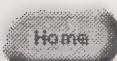
Gerald R. Antoine, Former Grand Chief;
Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge (Fort Providence);
René Lamothe, Executive Co-ordinator;
Grand Chief Mike Nadli.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program.

Nation Métis:

Richard Lafferty, Representative.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 6

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Lawrence O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Bryon Wilfert, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Claude Bachand, Ghislain Fournier and Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program; Peter Haley, A/Chief, Resource Strategies, Northern Affairs Program; Jacques Denault, Policy Specialist, Northern Affairs Program; Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel. From Deh Cho First Nations: Former Grand Chief, Gerald Antoine, Deh Cho Grand Chief Mike Nadli, Chief Joachim Bonnetrouge, Fort Providence; Richard Lafferty, Métis Nation Representative; René Lamothe, Executive Coordinator.

The Order of Reference dated Wednesday, October 29, 1997, being read as follows:

ORDERED, - That Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the preamble and Clause 1 of the Bill is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Will Dunlop made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:17 o'clock p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 12:26 o'clock p.m. the sitting resumed.

Derrek Konrad moved, - That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appear before the Committee to discuss the main estimates for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, before the 20th of November 1997.

The question being put on the motion, it was negated.

Deh Cho Grand Chief Mike Nadli made a statement and, with the other Deh Cho witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 20, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Gwich'in Interim Land Use Planning Board:

Ron Cruikshank, Planner and Co-ordinator;

Charlie Snowshoe.

Gwich'in Land and Water Working Group:

Brian Ferguson, Interim Executive Director.

Gwich'in Tribal Council:

Brian Crane, Legal Counsel;

Richard Nerysoo, President.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDING (Meeting No. 7)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:18 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Bryon Wilfert, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Claude Bachand, Ghislain Fournier and Gerald Keddy.

Acting Members present: Gordon Earle for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Gwich'in Tribal Council: Richard Nerysoo, President; Brian Crane, Legal Counsel; James Ross, Implementations Coordinator. From the Gwich'in Interim Land Use Planning Board: Ron Cruikshank, Planner, Coordinator; Charlie Snowshoe, Gwich'in Nominee; Bob Simpson, Gwich'in Nominee. From the Gwich'in Land and Water Working Group: Brian Ferguson, Interim Executive Director.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.
(See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Richard Nerysoo, from the Gwich'in Tribal Council, made a statement and with Brian Crane and James Ross answered questions.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:46 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

Via videoconference from INUVIK, NWT:

Ron Cruikshank, from the Gwich'in Interim Land Use Planning Board, made a statement and, with Charlie Snowshoe, answered questions.

Brian Ferguson, from the Gwich'in Land and Water Working Group made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:55 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 20, 1997

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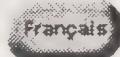
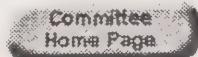
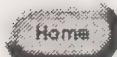
WITNESSES:

Dogrib Treaty II Council:

Ted Blondin, Land Claims Manager;

Richard B. Salter, Legal Council;

John B. Zoe, Chief Negotiator.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 8

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:45 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Gordon Earle for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Dogrib Treaty II Council: John B. Zoe, Chief Negotiator; Ted Blondin, Land Claims Manager; Richard B. Salter, Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

(See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

John B. Zoe made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:00 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Fort Good Hope:

Everett Kakfwi, Chief.

Government of the Northwest Territories:

Jim Antoine, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs;

Peter Bannon, Director, Policy and Co-ordination, Ministry of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

Northwest Territories Chamber of Commerce:

Bob Brooks, Executive Director;

Julia Mott, Co-Chair.

Sahtu Secretariat Inc.:

Larry Tourangeau, President.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 9

TUESDAY,, NOVEMBER 25, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 10:13 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert,

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Government of the Northwest Territories: The Honourable Jim Antoine, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs; Peter Bannon, Director, Policy and Coordinator. From the Sahtu Secretariat Inc.: Larry Tourangeau, President; Chief Everett Kakfwi, Fort Good Hope. From the N.W.T. Chamber of Commerce: Julia Mott, Co-Chair, Government Affairs Committee; Bob Brooks, Executive Director.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

(See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

The Honourable Jim Antoine made a statement and, with Peter Bannon answered questions.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE FROM YELLOWKNIFE, NWT:

Larry Tourangeau, from the Sahtu Secretariat Inc., made a statement and, with Chief Everett Kakfwi, answered questions.

Julia Mott, from the NWT Chamber of Commerce, made a statement and, with Bob Brooks, answered questions.

At 12:40 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

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Study of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

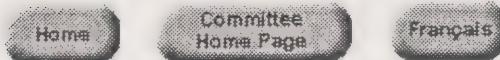
WITNESSES:

Deline Land Corporation:

Chief Raymond Tutcho, President.

Deline Self Government:

Danny Gaudet, Negotiator.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING

Meeting No. 10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:42 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Gerald Keddy, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert,

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Deline Land Corporation: Danny Gaudet, Negotiator, Deline Self Government; Raymond Tutcho, Chief Deline Band and President of Deline Land Corporation.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

(See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE FROM YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.:

Danny Gaudet made a statement and answered questions.

Chief Raymond Tutcho made a statement.

At 5:24 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No.11

Wednesday, November 26, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to an examination of the program, expenditures and performance of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

APPEARING:

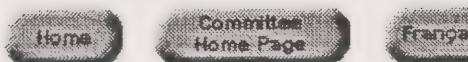
The Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Brent Dibartolo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

John Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government.



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Meeting No. 11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:37 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Denis Coderre for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gordon Earle for Louise Hardy and Myron Thompson for Grant McNally.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Appearing: The Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs: John Sinclair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Brent Dibartolo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to an examination of the programs, expenditures and performance of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The Honourable Jane Stewart made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:45 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No.12

Tuesday, December 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

WITNESSES:

Northwest Territories Chamber of Mines:

Mike Byrne, Member;

Brenda Kuzyk, Member, Legislation Committee;

Mike Vaydik, General Manager.

Northwest Territories Power Corporation:

Pierre Alvarez, Chairman and CEO;

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Meeting No. 12

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 10:14 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the NWT Chamber of Mines: Mike Vaydik, General Manager of the Chamber; Brenda Kuzyk, Member of the Chamber's Legislation Committee; Mike Byrne, Member (Owner/Operator of Norwestors). From the Northwest Territories Power Corporation: Pierre Alvarez, Chairman and CEO.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

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Mike Vaydik made a statement and, with Brenda Kuzyk, answered questions.

At 10:40 o'clock a.m., John Finlay took the Chair.

At 11:18 o'clock a.m. via videoconference from Yellowknife:

Mike Byrne made a statement and answered questions.

Pierre Alvarez made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:25 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No.13

Tuesday, December 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Arctic Resources Committee:

Nigel Banks, Representative;

Kevin O'Reilly, Research Director.

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Meeting No. 13

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:38 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee: Kevin O'Reilly, Research Director; Professor Nigel Bankes, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

(See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

Nigel Bankes made a statement and, with Kevin O'Reilly (via videoconference from Yellowknife), answered questions.

At 4:05 o'clock p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 5:00 o'clock p.m. the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:36 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, December 3, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

WITNESSES:

Akaitcho Territory Tribal Council:

Grand Chief Felix Lockhart.

Deh Cho First Nations:

Grand Chief Mike Nadli.

Dene Nation:

Chief Bill Erasmus, National Chief .

Deninu Kue Environment Committee:

Lloyd Norn, Environmental Adviser;

Pat Simon, Co-ordinator.

Jean Marie River Band:

Yvonne Norwegian, Chief.

Liidlil Kue First Nation:

Chief Rita Cli.

Pehdzeh Ki Dene Band:

Gabe Hardisty, Former Chief;

Tim Lennie, Former Chief.

West Point First Nation:

Chief Florence Cayen;

Leon Thomas, Councillor.

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Meeting No. 14

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, Gerald Keddy, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Robert Bertrand for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Pehdzeh Ki Dene Band: Tim Lennie, Former Chief; Gabe Hardisty, Former Chief. From the Jean Marie River Band: Yvonne Norwegian, Chief. From the West Point First Nation: Florence Cayen, Chief; Leon Thomas, Councillor. From the Llidli Koe First Nation: Rita Cli, Chief. From the Deh Cho First Nations: Grand Chief Mike Nadli. From the Deninu Kue Environment Committee: Patrick Simon, Coordinator; Lloyd Norn, Member. From the Akaitho Territory Tribal Council: Grand Chief Felix Lockhart. From the Dene Nation: Bill Erasmus, Dene National Chief.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

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Tim Lennie, Gabe Hardisty, Yvonne Norwegian, Florence Cayen, Leon Thomas, Rita Cli, Mike Nadli, Patrick Simon, Lloyd Norn and Felix Lockhart made statements.

It was agreed, - That pages 1,2 and the first paragraph on page 3 of the written brief of Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus be taken as read.

Bill Erasmus made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, December 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Working Group:

Alestine André, Board Member;

Heidi Klein, Executive Director.

Métis Nation (Northwest Territories):

Gary Bohnet, President.

South Slave Métis Tribal Council:

George Kurszewski, Chief Negotiator.

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Meeting No. 15

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 10:12 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Métis Nation - NWT: Gary Bohnet, President. From the South Slave Métis Tribal Council: George Kurszewski, Chief Negotiator. From the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Working Group: Heidi Klein, Executive Director; Alestine André, Board Member.

The Committee resumed consideration Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

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Gary Bohnet and George Kurszewski made statements and answered questions.

At 11:20 o'clock a.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 11:25 o'clock a.m. the sitting resumed.

Via videoconference from INUVIK

Heidi Klein made a statement and, with Alestine André, answered questions.

At 12:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program;

Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel;

Peter Haley, Acting Chief, Resource Strategies, Northern Affairs Program.

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Meeting No. 16

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:25 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Lawrence O'Brien, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for David Iftody.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. *From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Charles Bellemare, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program; Peter Haley, A/Chief, Resource Strategies, Northern Affairs Program; Jacques Denault, Policy Specialist, Northern Affairs Program; Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel; Margaret Gray, Policy Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

The Committee proceeded to clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 2.

Louise Hardy moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 23

on page 2 with the following:

"tion, and the Sahtu First Nation"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negative.

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 2 with the following:

"tion, the Sahtu First Nation or any body representing other Dene or Metis of the North"

After debate, John Bryden moved, -- That the amendment be further amended in the English version by replacing the words "any body" with the following:

"bodies"

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was agreed to.

Claude Bachand moved, -- That the amendment be further amended in the French version

a. by replacing the words "à la ligne 30" with the following:

"aux lignes 29 et 30"

b. by replacing the word "nisme" with the following:

"des Gwich'in ou celle du Sahtu, tous les organismes"

After debate, the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the amendment as amended, it was agreed to.

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program;

Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel.

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Meeting No. 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997-12-19

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:38 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherret, Research Officers. From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Charles Bellemare, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program; Peter Haley, A/Chief, Resource Strategies, Northern Affairs Program; Jacques Denault, Policy Specialist, Northern Affairs Program; Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel; Margaret Gray, Policy Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No. 6)

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6 in clause 2, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 18 to 24 on page 4 with the following:

"soixantième parallèle, à l'est de la limite du Yukon, au sud de la limite de la région inuvialuit désignée -- au sens de l'accord mis en vigueur par la *Loi sur le règlement des revendications des Inuvialuit de la région ouest de l'Arctique* -- et à l'ouest de la limite de la région du Nunavut, au sens"

After debate the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 as amended was allowed to stand.

Clauses 3 to 7 carried severally.

On Clause 8

Bernard Patry, moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 8, be amended by

- a. replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 5 with the following:

"**8.** (1) The federal Minister shall consult the first nations with respect"

(b) adding after line 34 on page 5 the following:

"(2) The federal Minister shall, in the course of any negotiations with a first nation relating to self-government, review the pertinent provisions of this Act in consultation with the first nation".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

Clause 9 carried.

New Clause 9.1

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 6 the following:

"**9.1** The purpose of the establishment of boards by this Act is to enable residents of the Mackenzie Valley to participate in the management of its resources for the benefit of the residents and of other Canadians."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 10 carried.

On Clause 11

Derek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 11, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 8 to 12 on page 6 with the following:

"appointed under section 15, shall, in the case of those members who are, pursuant to Parts 2 to 5, to be nominated by a first nation or a territorial Minister or following consultation with first nations, be appointed by the federal Minister in accordance with those provisions, and in every other case shall be elected as provided in subsections (3) to (5)."

(c) by adding after line 24 on page 6 the following:

(3) The members of a board who are to be elected pursuant to subsection (1) shall be elected by electors of all or a part of one or more electoral districts established pursuant to any Act governing the election of members of Parliament, members of the legislative assembly of a province or members of a local authority in a province, as determined by the federal Minister.

(4) The federal Minister may for the purpose of elections under this section make regulations

(a) providing for

- (i) electors under all or part of one or more electoral districts as defined in the *Canada Elections Act*, or
 - (ii) electors under all or part of one or more areas entitled to elect, under the laws of the province concerned, members of the legislative assembly or a local authority, to elect the member;
- (b) providing for the application of all or a part of any Act of Parliament or of the legislature of a province to apply to the election; and
- (e) providing for the election to be held independently or in conjunction with a general election or by-election.

(5) The federal Minister may enter into agreements with one or more provinces to provide for the carrying out of an election of a member of a board2

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 11 carried.

Clauses 12 and 13 carried severally.

Clause 14 carried on division.

Clauses 15 to 21 carried severally.

New Clause 21.1

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6 be amended by adding after line 44 on page 8 the following:

"21.1 The boards shall prepare minutes of every meeting and shall make them available for public consultation."

After debate, by unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That consideration of the amendment under debate and the proposed amendment of Derrek Konrad to insert another new clause 21.1 into the Bill be deferred until consideration of Clause 20 had been completed.

Clauses 22 to 28 carried severally.

On Clause 29

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 29, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 10 with the following:

"administrative affairs, including by-laws providing for the maintenance at its office of the minutes of its meetings."

After debate, the question being put on the motion, the result of the recorded division was announced as follows:

YEAS:

John Bryden
John Finlay
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Judi Longfield
Bernard Patry
(5);

NAYS:

Ghislain Fournier
Gerald Keddy
Derrek Konrad
Grant McNally
Bryon Wilfert
(5);

And the Chair casting his vote in the affirmative, the amendment was agreed to.

Clause 29 as amended, was agreed to n the following recorded division:

YEAS:

John Bryden
John Finlay
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Judi Longfield
Bernard Patry
Bryon Wilfert
(6);

NAYS:

Ghislain Fournier
Gerald Keddy
Derrek Konrad
Grant McNally
Mike Scott
(5);

The Committee reverted to consideration of Derrek Konrad's amendment under debate to insert a new clause 21.1

After further debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 7

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6 be amended by adding after line 44 on page 8 the following:

21.1 A board shall allow members of the public to attend its meetings".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Ghislain Fournier
Derrek Konrad
Grant McNally

(3);

NAYS:

John Bryden
John Finlay
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Judi Longfield
Bernard Patry
Bryon Wilfert
(7);

Clauses 30 to 41 carried severally.

On Clause 42

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 42, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 14 with the following:

"settlement area and in other communities in the Mackenzie Valley a notice inviting interested"

And debate arising theron;

At 5:35 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, December 10, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program;

Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel.

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Meeting No. 18

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:43 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wulfert.

Acting Members present: Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Claude Bachand and Carolyn Bennett for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Charles Bellemare, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Will Dunlop, Director, Resource Policy Directorate, Northern Affairs Program; Peter Haley, A/Chief, Resource Strategies, Northern Affairs Program; Jacques Denault, Policy Specialist, Northern Affairs Program; Suzanne Grenier, Legal Counsel; Margaret Gray, Policy Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to provide for an integrated system of land and water management in the Mackenzie Valley, to establish certain boards for that purpose and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, November 18, 1997, Meeting No.6)

The Committee resumed clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -- That the Committee proceed to consider, in order, all clauses to which amendments had not been proposed.

Clauses 43 to 76 carried.

Clauses 79 to 111 carried.

Clauses 113 to 114 carried.

Clauses 116 to 124 carried.

Clause 126 carried.

Clauses 128 to 133 carried.

Clauses 135 to 146 carried.

Clauses 148 to 150 carried.

Clauses 153 to 154 carried.

Clause 156 carried.

Clause 158 carried.

Clauses 160 to 168 carried.

The Committee reverted to the consideration of Clause 42.

By unanimous consent, the amendment of Gerald Keddy, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 42, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 14 with the following:

"settlement area and in other communities in the Mackenzie Valley a notice inviting interested"

was withdrawn.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 42, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 14 with the following:

"settlement area and in adjoining settlement areas in the Mackenzie Valley a notice inviting interested"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Gerald Keddy moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 42, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 14 with the following:

"after publishing in the settlement area and in adjoining settlement areas in the Mackenzie Valley a notice"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 42, as amended, carried.

On Clause 77

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 77, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 25 with the following:

"any substantial alteration to the quality, quantity or rate"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Clause 77, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 78

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 78, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 17 and 18 on page 25 with the following:

"vraisemblablement pour effet d'altérer de façon importante la qualité, la quantité ou le débit des"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Clause 78, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 112

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 112, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 39 with the following:

"less than seven members including a chair--"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Clause 112, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 115 carried.

On Clause 125

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 125, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 44 with the following:

"cause of significant public concern; and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 125, be amended by replacing line 45 on page 44 with the following:

"or might be a cause of significant public concern; and"

The question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Clause 125 carried.

On Clause 127

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 127, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 12 on page 46 with the following:

"Board shall take into account any report made in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 127, as amended, carried.

On Clause 147

Judi Longfield moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 147, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 28 and 29 on page 58 with the following:

"146 in consultation with the first nations."

(b) by replacing, in the French version, line 38 on page 58 with the following:

"me, les premières nations des Gwich'in et du Sahtu participent à leur"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Clause 147, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 151

Bernard Patry, moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 151, be amended by

(a) adding after line 22 on page 60 the following:

"or under any territorial law"

(b) replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 60 with the following:

"may be, continue in effect, subject to any terms and"

(c) replacing line 33 on page 60 with the following:

"Territorial Lands Act or in accordance with any applicable territorial law, amend, renew or"

(d) replacing line 3 on page 61 with the following:

"as defined in those regulations, or conferred by that territorial law on any authority specified in it."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 151, as amended, carried.

On Clause 152

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 152, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 31 on page 61 with the following:

"152. Rights to the use of land under any lease, easement or other interest in land that was granted under the *Territorial Lands Act* or the regulations made pursuant to that Act, or under any territorial law, and that exist on the coming into force of sections 54 and 56 or section 99 continue in effect, subject to the terms and conditions of exercising those rights."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

Clause 152, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 155

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing lines 17 to 20 on page 62 with the following:

"application."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 155, be amended by deleting lines 26 to 32 on page 62.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Derrek Konrad moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 155, be amended by deleting lines 33 to 40 on page 62.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 155 carried.

Clause 157 carried.

New Clause 157.1

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6 be amended by adding after line 16 on page 63 the following:

"157.1 Part 5 does not apply in respect of any licence, permit or other authorization related to an undertaking that is the subject of a licence or permit issued before June 22, 1984, except a licence, permit or other authorization for an abandonment, decommissioning or other significant alteration of the project."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on division.

On Clause 159

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in Clause 159, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 14 on page 64 with the following:

"(2) The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act continues to apply in respect of a proposal for a development, as defined in Part 5 of this Act, for which a screening or comprehensive study was commenced under that Act before the coming into force of Part 5 without a determination being made pursuant to subsection 20(1) or section 23 or, in the case of a referral under paragraph 23(a), pursuant to subsection 37(1), of that Act, and that determination may only be made after the screening report or comprehensive study report is submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and after consultation with that Board."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 159, as amended, carried.

The Committee reverted to consideration of Clause 2.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

The Schedule carried.

Clause 1 carried.

On the preamble

Bernard Patry moved, -- That Bill C-6, in the preamble, be amended by deleting lines 24 to 29 on page 1.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The Preamble, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

Ordered, -- That Bill C-6, as amended, be reprinted as a working copy for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

Ordered, -- That the Chairman report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 5:13 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 19

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:35 o'clock a.m., this day, in room Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Raymond Bonin for David Iftody, Sarkis Assadourian for Judi Longfield, Julian Reed for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), future business of the Committee.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

The Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its SECOND REPORT to the Standing Committee.

Your Sub-Committee met on Thursday, February 12, 1998 and agreed to recommend the following:

That in the spirit of partnership and healing, the Committee study problems in fiscal and democratic accountability among Canada's aboriginal people, and report to the House before the summer recess.

That the Department of Fisheries be called before the Committee to discuss conservation with regard to the aboriginal fishery.

Respectfully submitted,

After debate, the question being put on the first recommendation, it was negated.

It was agreed, -That the second recommendation be adopted.

John Finlay moved, -That the Second Report be amended by adding the following recommendation:

Recognizing the tremendous need for employment in Aboriginal communities and the need for fiscal sustainability in these communities, this Committee examine ways by which Aboriginal people, the private sector and governments can promote economic development and skills training to create employment and greater opportunities.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

John Bryden moved, -That the Second Report be further amended by adding the following recommendation:

That this Committee bring before it the appropriate officials to examine the mechanisms of accountability currently in place vis-à-vis government funding of aboriginal groups.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was unanimously agreed to.

The Second Report of the Sub Committee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, was concurred in.

At **10:33** o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Aboriginal Fishery.

WITNESSES:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans:

Pat Chamut, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries Management;

Jim Jones, Regional Director, Fisheries Management, Maritimes Region (Gulf Fishery).



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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for Nancy Karetak-Lindell from 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.; John Maloney for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Mr. Pat Chamut, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries Management; Mr. Jim Jones, Regional Director, Fisheries Management, Maritimes Region (Gulf Fishery).

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the committee proceeded to a briefing on the Aboriginal Fishery.

Mike Scott moved, -That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity, but no later than May 14, 1998 to address the Main Estimates for the fiscal year of 1998-1999.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Pat Chamut made an opening statement and, with Jim Jones, answered questions.

At **12:29** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a study of Aboriginal Economic Development

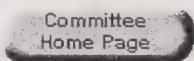
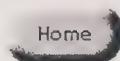
WITNESSES:

Department of Industry:

Bob Dickson, Executive Director, Aboriginal Business Canada;

Rick Fontaine, Director General, Operations;

Michael Jenkin, Director General, Strategic Planning and Corporate Services.



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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Ivan Grose for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Industry Canada: Bob Dickson, Executive Director, Aboriginal Business Canada; Ricky Fontaine, Director General, Operations; Michael Jenkin, Director General,

Strategic Planning and Corporate Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) and its decision of Thursday, February 19, 1998, Meeting No. 19, the Committee commenced a study of Aboriginal Economic Development.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:27 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:32 o'clock p.m., by unanimous consent, the sitting resumed in camera, for discussion of future business.

At 12:55 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Glen Bailey, Director General, Economic Policy and Programming;

James Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs;

Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services;

Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming
and Program Re-Design.

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Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:43 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Joe Jordan for John Bryden

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming and Program Re-Design; Glen Bailey, Director General, Economic Policy and Programming; Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; James Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs; Bruce Myers, Director, Regional Analysis, Northern Affairs; Peter Wyse, Manager, Natural Resources, Lands and Trust Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21)

Cynthia Williams, Bob Watts and James Moore made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:15 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed in camera for consideration of future business.

At **5:50** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 23, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Dale Booth, Director of Economic Development;

Mary Jane Jim-Cant, Regional Vice-Chief, Yukon.

Business Development Bank of Canada:

Jim Richardson, National Director, Aboriginal Banking.

First Nations Bank of Canada:

Keith Martell, Chairman.

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Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 23, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Gilles Perron for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Mary Jane Jim-Cant, Regional Vice-Chief, Yukon; Dale Booth, Director of Economic. Business Development Bank of Canada: Jim Richardson, National Director, Aboriginal Banking. First Nations Bank of Canada: Keith Martell, Chairman.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21)

Mary Jane Jim-Cant made a statement and, with Dale Booth, answered questions.

At 12:27 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jim Richardson and Keith Martell made statements and answered questions.

At 13:17 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the 1998-99 Estimates, Part III – Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission

APPEARING:

The Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Brent Dibartolo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming and Program Re-Design.

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Tuesday, April 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:07 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Mike Scott.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: The Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Brent Dibartolo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Gordon Shanks, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction; Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming and Program Re-Design.

The Order of Reference being read as follows:

That the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999: VOTES 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, laid upon the table on February 26, 1998 be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. (Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons, Thursday, February 26, 1998)

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), consideration of the 1998-99 Estimates, Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission. Sessional paper No 8520-361-119, Wednesday, March 25, 1998

The Chairman called Vote 1.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:42 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:43 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed in camera to discuss future business.

At **12:50** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Nunavut Act and the Constitution Act, 1867

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Gilles Binda, Senior Policy Advisor, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program;

John Merritt, Senior Adviser, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program;

Judy Tanguay, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program.

Government of the Northwest Territories:

Goo Arlooktoo, Deputy Premier, Minister of Justice, and Minister Responsible for Nunavut Transition;

Alastair Campbell, Adviser.

Grand Council of the Crees (of Québec):

Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations;

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director.

Inuit Tapirisat of Canada:

Alan Braidek, Executive Director.

Nunavut Implementation Commission:

John Amagoalik, Chief Commissioner.

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.:

Alex Campbell, Executive Director;

Leena Evic-Twerdin, Policy and Program Adviser.

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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:38 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 269, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Judy Tanguay, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program; Gilles Binda, Senior Policy Advisor, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program; John Merritt, Senior Advisor, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program. Government of the Northwest Territories: The Honourable Goo Arlooktoo, Deputy Premier, Minister, Justice and Responsible for Nunavut Transition; Alastair Campbell, Adviser. Nunavut Implementation Commission: John Amagoalik, Chief Commissioner. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.: Alex Campbell, Executive Director; Leena Evic-Twerdin, Policy and Program Adviser. Grand Council of the Crees of Quebec (Eeyou Istchee): Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations; Bill Namagoose, Executive Director. Inuit Tapirisat of Canada: Alan Braidek, Executive Director.

The Order of Reference being read as follows:

ORDERED, -That Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Nunavut Act and the Constitution Act, 1867, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. (Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons of Tuesday, April 28, 1998)

The Chairman called Clause 1.

Judy Tanguay and Gilles Binda made statements and, with John Merritt, answered questions.

Goo Arlooktoo, Deputy Premier of the Northwest Territories, made a statement and, with Alastair Campbell, answered questions.

John Amagoalik from the Nunavut Implementation Commission made a statement and answered questions.

Alex Campbell and Leena Evic-Twerdin from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. made statements and answered questions.

Bill Namagoose and Brian Craik from the Grand Council of the Crees made statements and answered questions.

Alan Braidek from the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada made a statement and answered questions.

At **6:24** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 30, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Grand Council of the Crees of Quebec (Eeyou Istchee):

Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations;

Norman Gull, Director of Community Services;

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director;

Paul Wertman, Adviser, Oujé-Boagoumou Cree Nation.

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 30, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:15 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Bernard Patry and Guy Saint-Julien.

Acting Member present: Ivan Grose for Judi Longfield.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Grand Council of the Crees of Quebec (Eeyou Istchee): Bill Namagoose, Executive Director; Norman Gull, Director of Community Services; Paul Wertman, Adviser, Oujé-Bougoumou Cree Nation; Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21)

Bill Namagoose and Norman Gull made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:12 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Inuit Tapirisat of Canada:

Alan Braidek, Executive Director;

Okalik Eegeesiak, President.

Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics Company:

Don Allard, Secretary-Treasurer;

Ken Drolet, President.

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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:20 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 371, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry and Guy Saint-Julien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: Inuit Tapirisat of Canada: Okalik Eegeesiak, President; Alan Braidek, Executive Director. Pan-Arctic Inuit Logistics Corporation: Ken Drolet, President; Don Allard, Secretary-Treasurer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21).

Okalik Eegeesiak and Ken Drolet made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

John Bryden give notice of the following motion, -That the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, recognize an opposition member, and then a government member, alternately are at a time.

At 12:42 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Nunavut Act and the Constitution Act, 1867.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Gilles Binda, Senior Policy Adviser, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program;

John Merritt, Senior Adviser, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program.

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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:43 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Reg Alcock for Judi Longfield; Lou Sekora for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From Committees and Legislative Services: Paulette Nadeau and Suzanne Verville, Legislative Clerks. *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs: Gilles Binda, Senior Policy Advisor, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program; John Merritt, Senior Advisor, Nunavut Secretariat, Northern Program; Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Nunavut Act and the Constitution Act, 1867. (See Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of Wednesday, April 29, 1998, Meeting No. 25)

The Committee commenced Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clauses 1 –12 carried severally.

On Clause 13

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-39, in Clause 13, be amended by adding after line 20 on page 6 the following:

"(2.1) Section 73 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) The Commissioner shall cause to be laid before the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut any agreement entered into under subsection (1)."

Ghislain Fournier moved, --That the amendment be amended in the French version by replacing "faire déposer" with "doit faire déposer".

And the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on the amendment, as amended, it was agreed to.

Clause 13 as amended, carried.

Clause 14 carried.

Claude 15 carried.

On Clause 16

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-39, in Clause 16, be amended

(a) by replacing line 6 on page 10 with the following:

"in Council shall, before the day that section 3"

(b) by replacing line 12 on page 10 with the following:

"governing the elections and shall be before or"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negative.

Clause 16 carried.

Clauses 17 to 42 carried.

On Clause 43

After debate, Clause 43 carried on division.

Clauses 44-51 carried severally on division.

On Clause 52

After debate, Clause 52 carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill as amended, carried on division.

It was agreed on division, -That the Chair report the Bill to the House on Thursday, May 7, 1998.

At **4:29** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Janice Hilchie

Committee Clerk

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

“Le Groupe Cleary”:

Guy Beaudet, Vice-President;

Bernard Cleary, President;

Luc Lainé, Vice-President;

Vincent Poulin, Business Manager.



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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:13 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Teddy, Derrek Konrad, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Paul Crête for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: "Le Groupe Cleary": Bernard Cleary, President. Luc Lainé, Vice-President. Guy Beaudet, Vice-President. Vincent Poulin, "Chargé d'affaires".

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21.)

Bernard Cleary and Luc Lainé made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Rick Simon, Vice-Chief.

Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs:

Don Julien, Director.

Department of Education and Culture of Nova Scotia:

Dorothy Moore, Sister, Acting Director, Mi'kmaq Services Division.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

John Brown, Associate Regional Director General, Atlantic Region;

Joe McNeil, Intergovernmental Affairs Adviser, Atlantic Region.

Indian Brook First Nation:

Reginald Maloney, Chief.

Membertou Band Council:

Darren Googoo, Director of Education.

Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey/Education:

Marjorie Gould, Executive Director;

Lindsay Marshall, Chief, Chairman.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association:

Margaret Forbes, President.

As Individual:

Barbara Johnson.

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Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: John Brown, Associate Regional Director General, Atlantic Region; Joe McNeil, Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Atlantic Region. Allan Cracower, Legal Advisor. Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey/Education: Chief Lindsay Marshall, Chairman; Marjorie Gould, Executive Director. Department of Education: Sister Dorothy Moore, Acting Director, Mi'kmaq Services Division. Nova Scotia School Boards Association: Marg Forbes, President. Assembly of First Nations: Rick Simon, Vice-Chief. As an individual: Barbara Johnson, Assistant Professor, Education, Diverse cultures and Mikmaq Language. Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs: Don Julien, Director. Membertou First Nation: Darren GooGoo, Director of Education, Membertou First Nation. Indian Brook First Nation: Chief Reginald Maloney.

The Order of Reference dated, Tuesday, May 5, 1998 being read as follow:

ORDERED, -That Bill C-30, An Act respecting the powers of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia in relation to education, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 of the Bill was postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

The Chair read into the record a letter from the Honourable Russell MacLellan, Premier of Nova Scotia.

John Brown from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Rick Simon, Vice-Chief, Assembly of First Nations made a statement and answered questions.

Chief Lindsay Marshall from Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey made a statement and, with Marjorie Gould, answered questions.

At 10:25 o'clock a.m., John Finally took the Chair.

At 10:37 o'clock a.m., Guy St. Julien resumed the Chair.

Sister Dorothy Moore from the Nova Scotia Department of Education made a statement and answered questions.

Marg Forbes from the Nova Scotia School Boards Association made a statement and answered questions.

Barbara Johnson made a statement and answered questions.

Don Julien from the Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs made a statement and answered questions.

Darren Googoo from the Membertou First Nation made a statement and answered questions.

Chief Reginald Maloney from the Indian Brook First Nation made a statement and answered questions.

The Department officials answered further questions.

At **1:30** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-30, An Act respecting the powers of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia in relation to education

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Allan Cracower, Legal Adviser;

Joe McNeil, Adviser, Intergovernmental Affairs, Atlantic Region.

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Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 4:00 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Carmen Provenzano for David Iftody.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer. *From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate of the House of Commons:* Paulette Nadeau and Suzanne Verville, Legislative Clerks.

Witnesses: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Joe McNeil, Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, Atlantic Region; Allan Cracower, Legal Advisor.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act respecting the powers of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia in relation to education. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, May 26, 1998, Meeting No. 30)

The Committee commenced Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1) consideration of Clause 1 was postponed.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clauses 2 to 5 carried severally.

On Clause 6.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 2 with the following:

" (2) A community may, in a fair and impartial manner, make laws in relation"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Derrek Konrad moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 18 to 23 on page 2 with the following:

" (2) A community may make laws in relation to the administration and expenditure of community funds in support of post-secondary education, for members of the community wherever resident."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 2 the following:

" (3) In this section "post-secondary education" means a university, college, technical school or trade school education."

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Gerald Keddy moved, That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 2 the following:

" (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a community shall not expend community funds in support of post-secondary education for a member of the community referred to in that subsection unless it has first provided to every member of the community who has requested it, a list of every member of the community requesting financial assistance for such education."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 2 the following:

" (3) After the community has decided upon how it proposes to allocate funds authorized to be expended under this section, the community shall provide to any member of the community who requests it, a list indicating how the community proposes to allocate those funds."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 6, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 2 the following:

" (3) Where a member of a community referred to in subsection (2) has requested financial assistance for a post-secondary education, neither the community nor the community education board shall attempt to influence or to interfere with the member's choice of educational institution that will provide that education by granting or refusing to grant such assistance, or by doing any other thing with a view to influencing or interfering with that choice."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Clause 6 carried

Clauses 7 to 9 carried severally.

On Clause 10.

Derrek Konrad moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 35 on page 3 with the following:

"(2) A person duly elected by each community in accordance with the laws of the community is a member of the corporation and such persons together constitute its board of directors, and the board may provide, by by-law or otherwise, for the management and conduct of the affairs of the corporation."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 30 and 31, on page 3 with the following:

" (2) The members of the corporation shall consist of an elected member from each community, who may be the chief of that community. The members together"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

Gerald Keddy moved, --That Bill C-30, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 3 with the following:

"(2) the Chiefs of all the communities are the"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 10 carried.

Clauses 11 to 13 carried severally.

The Schedule carried.

Clause 1 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried, on division.

It was agreed, on division, --That the Chair report the Bill to the House on Monday, June 1, 1998.

At **5:06** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, June 4, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal economic development

WITNESSES:

Canada Post Corporation:

Ed Miller, Director, Operations, Northern Services.

Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:

Fred Hill, Chief, Socio-Economic Policy and Analysis;

James Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs;

Bruce Myers, Director, Regional Analysis Directorate, Northern Affairs.

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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, June 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:30 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Blockl, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Grant McNally, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: James Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs; Bruce Myers, Director, Regional Analysis Directorate, Northern Affairs; Fred Hill, Chief, Socio-Economic Policy and Analysis, Northern Affairs. Canada Post Corporation: Ed Miller, Director Operations, Northern Services; Edouard Larocque, Manager, Transportation Operations Group, Northern Services; Frank Kearney, Air Stage Reporting, Northern Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21).

Bruce Myers made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

John Bryden gave notice of the following motion:

--That this committee recommend that the federal government continue to assume its responsibility to support the isolated communities that maintain a sovereign Canadian presence in Canada's remote regions; and fully fund, as necessary, a northern food subsidy program.

At **1:05** o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in camera at 3:45 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 701, La Promenade, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

At 4:25 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESS:

Mining Association of Canada:

Gisèle Jacob, Vice-President, Public Affairs.

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Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:47 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 705, La Promenade, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gordon Earle, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: Mining Association of Canada: Gisèle Jacob, Vice President, Public Affairs.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21).

Gisele Jacob made an opening statement and answered questions.

Derek Konrad gave notice of the following motion:

--That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development study and report back to the House on the impact on British Columbia of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Delgamuukw vs. British Columbia* (December 11, 1997).

At 5:15 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Canadian Tourism Commission:

Francine Boivin, Vice-President, Industry Competitiveness;

Douglas Fyfe, President;

Joan Pollock, Manager, European Marketing Program.

NAV CANADA:

Arthur Andreassen, Director, Rates and Revenues;

Don Ingham, Vice-President, Corporate Planning and Commercial Relations and Acting Vice-President, Finance.

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:13 o'clock a.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, the Chair, Guy Saint-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Gordon Earle, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Bernard Patry, Guy Saint-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Ivan Grose for John Finlay.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: NAV CANADA: Don Ingham, Vice President/Acting Vice President, Corporate Planning and Commercial Relations/Finance.; Arthur Andreassen, Director, Rates and Revenues. Canadian Tourism Commission: Douglas Fyfe, President; Joan Pollock, Manager, European Marketing Program; Francine Boivin, Vice-President, Industry Competitiveness.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21).

Don Ingham and Arthur Andreassen from NAV CANADA made opening statements and answered questions.

At 9:25 o'clock a.m., Vice-Chair, Derrek Konrad took the Chair.

At 9:55 o'clock a.m., Guy Saint-Julien resumed the Chair.

At 10:50 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:00 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed.

Douglas Fyfe from the Canadian Tourism Commission made a statement and, with Francine Boivin and Joan Pollock, answered questions.

Bryan Wilfert gave notice of the following motion:

--That, having heard from representatives of NAV CANADA, and given the emergency resolution of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) concerning airport safety issues (supported and presented by the Northern Forum of the FCM representatives of northern and remote communities), the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development respectfully request the Minister of Transport to conduct a comprehensive review concerning such issues as air safety and increase in user fees in the North, for example, before granting authorisation to NAV CANADA's Phase II charges.

Derrek Konrad gave notice of a revised version of his notice of motion of Wednesday, June 10, 1998, which reads as follows:

--That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development study and report back to the House on the implications for aboriginal economic development and land claims both in British Columbia and across Canada of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in Delgamuukw vs British Columbia (December 11, 1997).

At 11:30 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:40 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Guy St-Julien, Myron Thompson and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paddy Torsney for Peter Adams, Rick Laliberté for Louise Hardy, Réginald Bélair for Lawrence O'Brien, Reed Elley for Mike Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

It was agreed, -That the Chair of the Committee be elected by secret ballot.

John Finlay moved, -That Guy St. Julien do take the Chair as Chairman of this Committee.

Reed Elley moved, -That John Bryden do take the Chair as Chairman of this Committee.

After debate, by unanimous consent, it was agreed, -That the motion of Reed Elley that John Bryden do take the Chair as Chairman of this Committee be withdrawn.

And the question being put on the motion of John Finlay, it was agreed by a show of hand, -That Guy St. Julien do take the Chair as Chairman of the Committee.

Accordingly, Guy St. Julien was declared duly elected as Chairman of this Committee and took the Chair.

Bryon Wilfert moved, -That John Finlay be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

Myron Thompson moved, -That Derrek Konrad be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee in absentia.

Rick Laliberté moved, -That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

After debate, by unanimous consent, it was agreed, -That the motion of Rick Laliberté that Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee be withdrawn.

And the question being put on the motion of Myron Thompson, it was agreed by a show of hands, - That Derrek Konrad be elected in absentia as Vice-Chair of this Committee.

John Bryden moved, -That the Chair recognize speakers during questioning of witnesses on a rotation

basis, beginning with the opposition then the government and back and forth, as the case may be.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to by a show of hands.

On motion of Reed Elley, it was agreed, -That the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure meet to discuss time limits per round of questions and the need for a notice period for motions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Paul DeVillers for Bryon Wilfert, Claude Drouin for Lawrence O'Brien, Charles Hubbard for Judi Longfield and Gilles Perron for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

The Committee met to discuss its future business.

The Chairman distributed the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

That the Committee adopt a flexible 5 minute time limit for questioning of witnesses, at the discretion of the Chair.

That the Committee proceed with the status quo in relation to notice periods for motions.

That the Committee invite the Auditor General of Canada in order to study and report back to the House on Chapter 14 of the Auditor's Report to the House of Commons entitled Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Comprehensive Land Claims, September 1998, on October 20 or 22, 1998.

That the Clerk and the Research Staff establish a tentative schedule for future meetings on the North and other issues.

That the Clerk submit a list of suspended motions that have been presented to the Committee.

On motion of Peter Adams, it was agreed, - That the first recommendation be amended to read as follows: "That the Committee adopt a flexible 5 minute time limit for the questioning of witnesses on a rotational basis between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair".

On motion of Gilles Perron, it was agreed, - That the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted as amended.

It was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the tentative schedule of meetings to the November Recess, and that the tentative schedule of meetings from November 19, 1998 to the Christmas Recess be adopted in principle.

It was agreed, - That members of the Committee forward to the Clerk of the Committee as soon as

possible any requests they have received from individuals or groups wishing to appear before the Committee on Bill C-49, First Nations land Management Act.

Derrek Konrad moved, -That the Committee not travel on the Aboriginal Economic Development study until following the Christmas Recess.

And debate thereon.

The motion was negative on division.

David Iftody moved, -That the Clerk be instructed to prepare options for a travel itinerary, and potential witnesses for a three to four day visit to Northern Manitoba, Northern Saskatchewan, Northern Alberta, the Yukon and Northern British Columbia for the period November 23, 1998 to December 4, 1998 in relation to its Aboriginal Economic Development study.

And debate thereon.

Gilles Perron moved, -That the motion be amended by changing the number of days of travel from three to four days to six days maximum.

And debate thereon.

The question being put on the amendment it was carried.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried as amended.

On motion of Mike Scott, it was agreed, -That the Committee invite Myrna Gamblin to appear on the concerns raised about the Northern Flood Agreement - Norway House First Nation while the Committee is meeting in Northern Manitoba on the Aboriginal Economic Development study.

It was agreed, -That the Parliamentary Secretary discuss the issue of funding of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and report back to the Committee.

It was agreed, -That the Clerk distribute to all members of the Committee a copy of the letter from the Chair to the Minister of Transport and his reply concerning the Medevac emergency raised by Peter Horseman, Vice-President, Air Inuit.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Committee Clerk

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, October 22, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 14 of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Grant Wilson, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, October 22, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: John Richardson for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Grant Wilson, Principal; Don Young, Assistant Auditor General.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the study Chapter 14 of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Comprehensive Land Claims)

Denis Desautels made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, October 27, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Cree-Naskapi Commission Report 1998

WITNESSES:

Cree-Naskapi Commission:

Philip Awashish, Commissioner;

Robert Kanatewat, Commissioner;

Richard Saunders, Chairman.

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, October 27, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Derrek Konrad and Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Cree-Naskapi Commission: Richard Saunders, Chairman; Robert Kanatewat, Commissioner; Philip Awashish, Commissioner.

In accordance with its Standing Order 32(5), a study of the Cree Naskapi Commission Report 1998. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated October 20, 1998, Meeting No. 37)

The Committee commenced its study of the Cree Naskapi Commission Report 1998.

Richard Saunders and Philip Awashish made statements.

At 11:45 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:20 o'clock p.m. the sitting resumed.

Robert Kanatewat made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, October 29, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Corporation of the Northern Village of Inukjuak:

Siasi Smiler, Mayor.

Corporation of the Northern Village of Salluit:

Qalingo Angotigirk, Mayor, Municipality Salluit.

Nordic Municipality of Akulivik:

Adamie Alayco, Mayor.

Town of Kuujjuarapik:

Anthony Ittoshat, Mayor.

Town of Umiujaq:

Robbie Tookalak, Mayor.

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, October 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer. George Kakayuk, Inuit Interpreter.

Witnesses: From the Nordic Municipality of Akulivik: Adamie Alayco, Mayor; *From the Town of Umiujaq:* Robbie Tookalak, Mayor; *From the Corporation of the Northern Village of Inukjuak:* Siasi Smiler, Mayor; *From the Town of Kuujjuuarapik:* Anthony Ittoshat, Mayor; *From the Corporation of the Northern Village of Salluit:* Qalingo Angotigirk, Mayor.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

Anthony Ittoshat and George Kakayuk provided interpretation as required.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 14 of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada--Comprehensive Land Claims)

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Greg Gauld, Director General, Comprehensive Claims;

Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch/Claims and Indian Government.

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:25 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Judi Longfield, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Greg Gauld, Director General; Terry Henderson, Director General.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Chapter 14 of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Comprehensive Land Claims). (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, October 20, 1998, Meeting No. 37)

Greg Gauld made a statement and with Terry Henderson, answered questions.

At 11:53 o'clock a.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to discuss future business regarding Committee travel.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, - That the Committee approve the travel budget of \$61,768.50 and that the Chair of the Committee seek authorization from the House for the Committee to travel to Whitehorse (Yukon), Yellowknife (NWT), Fort McMurray, (Alta.), Prince Albert (Sask.) and Thompson (Man.) from Sunday November 29 to Friday, December 4, 1998 in relation to its study of Aboriginal Economic Development, and that Members use a travel point to defray air transportation costs.

At 12:02 o'clock p.m., the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 14 of the September 1998 Report of the Auditor General.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy Saint-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Keewatinoki Okimakanak Inc.:

Jerry Primrose, Chief, Nelson House First Nations.

Northern Manitoba First Nations Development Corporation:

Tom Nepetaypo, Chief Executive Officer.

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:18 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, John Bryden, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Mike Scott and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: David Chatters for Derrek Konrad, Paul Crête for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.: Jerry Primrose; *From Northern Manitoba First Nation Development:* Tom Nepetaypo, CEO.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21.)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESSES:

Air Inuit Ltd.:

Jean Dupuis, Base Manager.

Katik Regional Government:

Johnny Adams, Presiden, Housing;

Tommy Cain, Governor, Makivik Corporation; Councillor;

Watson A. Fournier, Department Head, Municipal Public Works;

Makivik Corporation:

Pita Aatami, President;

Mark T. Gordon, Third Vice-President;

Michael Gordon, Mayor, Municipality of Kuujjuaq, Board Member;

George Koneak, Governor;

Davidee Niviaxie, Governor;

Johnny Peters, Second Vice-President, Offshore;

Sam Silverstone, Legal Counsel;

Robbie Tookalook, Board Member.

Nunavik Regional Health and Social Services Board:

Serge Déry, Public Health Director.

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Makivik Corporation: Pita Aatami, President; Johnny Peters, 2nd Vice-President; Michael Gordon, Board Member; Robbie Tookalook, Board Member; Davidie Niviaxie, Governor, Sam Silverstone, Legal Counsel, Anthony Ittoshat, Interpreter. *From the Kativik Regional Government:* Johnny Adams, Chairman; Watson A. Fournier, Department Head, Municipal Public Works. *From Air Inuit Ltd.:* Jean Dupuis, Base Manager. *From Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services:* Serge Déry, Director of Public Health. *From the Nunavik Tourism Association:* Tommy Cain, President; George Berthe, Interpreter.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), The Committee resumed its study of Aboriginal Economic Development. (See Minutes of Proceeding dated Thursday, March 24, 1998, Meeting No. 21).

Pita Aatami made a statement.

Johnny Adams made a statement on housing.

Serge Déry made a statement on housing and health problems.

Robbie Tookalook made a statement on housing, speaking in Inuktitut, Anthony Ittoshat acting as interpreter.

It was agreed, -That the briefs presented by all witnesses at this meeting by all witnesses at this meeting be published as Appendices to this day's Evidence (See **Appendix 1, Social Housing in Nunavik - Makivik Corporation - Kativik Regional Government**; **Appendix 2, Taxation in Nunavik - Makivik Corporation - Kativik Regional Government**; **Appendix 3, Nunavik Inuit Offshore Land Claim Process and Treaty - Makivik Corporation**; **Appendix 4, Kuujjuaq Airport - Makivik Corporation - Kativik Regional Government - Kuujjuaq Municipal Council**; **Appendix 5, Nunavik Marine Transportation Infrastructure Program - Makivik Corporation - Kativik Regional Government**; **Appendix 6, Air Transportation - Air Inuit Ltd.**).

Davidie Niviaxie made a statement on housing, speaking in Inuktitut, Anthony Ittoshat, acting as interpreter.

Jean Dupuis made a statement on housing.

John Bryden gave notice of the following motion, -That this Committee hold a special meeting, as soon as practical, to discuss the housing problems of Nunavik and make recommendations forthwith.

At 10:43 o'clock a.m.

Jean Dupuis made a statement on marine infrastructure.

Watson Fournier and Pita Aatami made statements on marine infrastructure.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:02 o'clock p.m.

Johnny Peters made a statement on the Nunavik Inuit Offshore Land Claim, speaking in Inuktitut, George Berthe acting as interpreter.

Sam Silverstone, Legal Counsel, made a statement on the Nunavik Inuit Offshore Land Claim.

At 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Pita Aatami and Jean Dupuis made statements on taxation.

George Koneak made a statement on taxation, speaking in Inuktitut, George Berthe acting as interpreter.

At 12:25 o'clock p.m.

Michael Gordon made a statement on Kuujjuaq Airport.

Tommy Cain made a statement on Kuujjuaq Airport, speaking in Inuktitut, George Berthe acting as interpreter.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Mark T. Gordon, Pita Aatami and Jean Dupuis made statements on NAV CANADA.

The witnesses answered questions

At 1:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Special meeting on the housing problems of Nunavik

WITNESSES:

Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation:

Deborah Taylor, Acting Director, Assisted Housing Division.

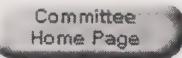
Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Ian Corbin, Acting Director, Community Development Directorate, Social Policy and Programs Branch, Socioeconomic Policy and Programming and Program Re-design Sector;

Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector.

Inuit Tapirisat of Canada:

Okalik Eegeesiak, President.



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Tuesday, November 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:17 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien, Myron Thompson and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch; Jeff Moore, Director, James Bay Implementation Office; Ian Corbin, Acting Director, Community Development Directorate; Martin Lévesque, Counsel. *From the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:* Deborah Taylor, Acting Director; Teresa Maioni, Solicitor. *From the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada:* Okalik Eegeesiak, President; Violet Ford, Executive Assistant to the President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a special meeting on the housing problems of Nunavik. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, November 19, 1998, Meeting No. 43.)

Myron Thompson gave notice of the following motion, - That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be requested to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity to address the Performance Report of the Department.

Terry Henderson, from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, made a statement and, with Deborah Taylor from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Ian Corbin answered questions.

Myron Thompson moved, -That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be requested to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity to address the Performance Report of the Department.

And debate arising thereon;

John Bryden moved, -That the motion be amended by striking out the words "Performance Report of the Department" and replacing them with the following: "Aboriginal social housing crisis across Canada".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

After further debate;

The question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to by a show of hands.

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At 11:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Vice-Chair, John Finlay, took the Chair.

Okalik Eegeesiak, President of Inuit Tapirisat Canada, made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

At 10:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, December 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-49, An Act providing for the ratification and the bringing into effect of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management

WITNESSES:

B.C. Native Women's Society:

Teressa Nahanee, Executive Member.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Kerry Kipping, Acting Director General, Lands and Environment Branch.

Department of Justice:

Geneviève Thériault, Legal Counsel, Land, Trust and Departmental Services.

Georgina Island First Nation:

Pat Big Canoe;

Sylvia McCue;

William McCue, Chief.

Interim Lands Advisory Board:

Robert Louie, Chairman;

Patrick Orr, Legal Counsel.

Muskoday First Nation:

Austin Bear, Chief;

Ava Bear, Councillor.

Musqueam First Nation:

Debra Campbell, Member.

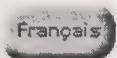
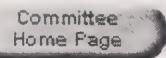
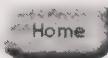
Native Women's Association of Canada:

Marilyn Buffalo, President.

Nipissing First Nation:

Joan McLeod, Lands Manager;

Margaret Penasse-Mayer, Chief.



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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Other Member present: Ted White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary C. Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. *From Committees and Legislative Services:* Suzanne Verville, Legislative Clerk..

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Kerry Kipping, Acting Director General; Geneviève Thériault, Legal Counsel; Leroy Paul, Policy Advisor. From the Interim Lands Advisory Board: Robert Louie, Chairman. From the Muskoday First Nation: Chief Austin Bear; Ava Bear, Council Member. From the Georgina Island First Nation: Chief William McCue; Sylvia McCue. From the Nipissing First Nation: Chief Margaret Penasse-Mayer; Joan McLeod, Land Manager. From the Musqueam First Nation: Debra Campbell, Member. From the Interim Lands Advisory Board: Patrick Orr, Legal Advisor to Lands Board. From the Native Women's Association of Canada: Marilyn Buffalo, President. From the BC Native Women's Society: Teressa Nahane, Executive Member.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, December 1, 1998 being read as follows:

ORDERED, -That Bill C-49, An Act providing for the ratification and the bringing into effect of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the Preamble and Clause 1 of the Bill is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2

Kerry Kipping and Geneviève Thériault, from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, made statements and answered questions.

Robert Louie and Chief Austin Bear, from the Interim Lands Advisory Board made statements.

Ava Bear, from the Muskoday First Nation, presented a petition concerning the National Women's Association of Canada and the BC Native Women's Society in relation to Bill C-49.

Chief Austin Bear presented a Resolution of the Saskatoon Tribal Council dated December 1, 1998 in relation to Bill C-49.

Chief William McCue, Pat Big Canoe and Sylvia McCue, from Georgina Island First Nation, made statements.

It was agreed, -That letters from the Snake Island Cottagers Association and J. Michael Kirkland, presented by Chief William McCue, be taken as read into the record.

Chief Margaret Penasse-Mayer made a statement.

Joan McLeod, Land Manager from Nipissing First Nation made a statement.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:55 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Louie made a further statement.

Debra Campbell from Musqueam First Nation, read the "Statutory Declaration of Rosie Derrickson" into the record.

Patrick Orr, Legal Counsel for the Interim Lands Advisory Board, made a statement.

At 12:25 p.m., the witnesses answered questions.

At 1:25 p.m., Marilyn Buffalo, President of the Native Women's Society of Canada and Teressa Nahane, Executive Member of the BC Native Women's Society, made statements and answered questions.

At 2:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, December 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-49, An Act providing for the ratification and the bringing into effect of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Brenda Miller, Chief of Staff.

Beaucage Tenants Association:

Jerry Kervin, Member;

Suzanne Leclair, Lawyer.

Chippewas of Georgina Island:

William McCue, Chief.

Department of Justice:

Geneviève Thériault, Counsel, Lands, Trust and Corporate Services.

Interim Lands Advisory Board:

Robert Louie, Chief, Chairman.

Jocko Point Tenants Association:

Rusty Wiley, Vice-President.

N'quatqua Band:

Leo O'Donaghey, Chief.

Ontario Association of Lessees on Native Lands:

Jeannine Morin, Policy Director.

Scugog Island First Nation:

Rennie Goose, Chief.

Siksika First Nation:

Darlene Yellow Old Woman-Munro, Chief;

Jack Royal, Staff Member.

Squamish First Nation:

Harold Calla, Councillor;

Bill Williams, Chief.

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Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, John Finlay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.
From Committees and Legislative Services: Suzanne Verville, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: *From the Beaucage Tenants Association:* Suzanne M. Leclair, Lawyer; Jerry Kerwin, Member. *From the Jocko Point Tenants Association:* Rusty Wiley, Vice-President; Jeannine Morin, Policy Director. *From the Assembly of First Nations:* Brenda Miller, Chief of Staff. *From the Squamish First Nation:* Chief Bill Williams, Harold Calla, Counsellor. *From the Siksika First Nation:* Chief Darlene Yellow Old Woman Munro; Jack Royal, Land Manager. *From the Muskoday First Nation:* Chief Austin Bear. *From the N'Quatqua First Nation:* Chief Harry O'Donaghey. *From the Scugog Island First Nation:* Chief Rennie Goose. *From the Georgina Island First Nation:* Chief William McCue. *From the Interim Lands Advisory Board:* Robert Louie, Chairman.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-49, An Act providing for the ratification and the bringing into effect of the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Thursday, December 3, 1998, Meeting No. 46)

Suzanne Leclair and Jerry Kerwin, from Beaucage Tenants Association, and Jeannine Morin and Rusty Wiley, from Jocko Point Tenants Association, made statements and answered questions.

Brenda Miller, from the Assembly of First Nations, read a letter from National Chief Phil Fontaine into the record.

Chief Bill Williams, from the Interim Lands Advisory Board, Harold Calla, from Squamish First Nation, Chief Harry Donaghey, from N'Quatqua First Nation, Chief Darlene Yellow Old Woman Munro and Jack Royal from Siksika First Nation, made statements and answered questions.

Chief Rennie Goose, from Scugog Island First Nation and Chief Bill McCue, from Georgina Island First Nation, made statements and answered questions.

Robert Louie, Chairman of the Interim Lands Advisory Board made a closing statement.

At 5:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

On Clause 2.

Derrek Konrad moved, -That Bill C-49, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 33 on page 2 the following:

Under Not land claims agreement

"(3) For greater certainty, neither the Framework Agreement nor this Act is a land claims agreement referred to in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Clause 3 to 48 carried severally.

The Schedule carried.

Clause 1 carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried

ORDERED, -That the Chairman report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 6:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, February 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Devillers for Judi Longfield, Carmen Provenzano for Lawrence O'Brien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of future business.

It was agreed, -That the Committee approve a travel budget of \$481.02, and that the Chair of the Committee seek authorization from the House for the Research Officer to travel to Toronto from Wednesday, February 17 to Saturday, February 20, 1999 to attend the Aboriginal Economic Development forum, and that the conference fee of \$957.65 be paid from the Committee's working budget.

It was agreed, -That the Committee commence consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of land, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba, on Tuesday, February 9, 1999.

It was agreed, -That the Committee commence consideration of a draft interim report on Aboriginal Economic Development on Thursday, February 11, 1999.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Janko Peric for Judi Longfield.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

1. Future Business:

2. Consideration of a draft report

The Committee proceeded to consideration of future business.

It was agreed, -That the Committee approve a supplementary budget of \$25,000.00 to cover witnesses' expenses for Bill C-56 and minor miscellaneous items to the end of the fiscal year March 31, 1999.

It was agreed, -That the Committee commence consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba, in March 1999.

ORDERED, -That the Clerk and the Research Officer prepare a draft workplan for the period March-June 1999.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee proceeded to consideration of a draft report.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of land, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector;

Sandy Jackson, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Manitoba Region;

Gord Kitchen, Director, Land Entitlement and Claims Implementation, Manitoba Region;

Ken Marchant, Legal Counsel;

Tom Saunders, Legal Counsel.

Opaskwayak Cree Nation:

William George Lathlin, Chief.

Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Manitoba Inc.:

Ralph Abramson, Director.

Treaty Land Entitlement Committee:

Brad Regehr, Manager;

John Thunder, Chief and President.

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 10:20 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch; Tom Saunders, Legal Counsel; Sandy Jackson, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Affairs; Gord Kitchen, Director, Land Entitlement and Claims Implementation; Ken Marchant, Legal Counsel; *From the Treaty & Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Manitoba Inc.:* Ralph Abramson, Director; *From the Opaskwayak Cree Nation:* Chief William George Lathlin; *From the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee:* Chief John Thunder, President; Brad Regehr, Manager.

The Order of Reference being read as follows:

ORDERED: That Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of land, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba. (Extract from the *Journals of the House of Commons* dated Thursday, November 26, 1998)

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -That Clauses 2 and 8 of the Bill be considered together.

On Clauses 2 and 8

Terry Henderson made a statement and, with the other witnesses from Indian and Northern Affairs, answered questions.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:52 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:53 a.m., on Part II of the Bill`

Ralph Abramson from the Treaty and Aboriginal Research Centre, and Chief William George Lathlin, Opaskwayak Cree Nation made statements and answered questions.

Brad Regehr and Chief John Thunder from the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

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The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien, and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

A. Consideration of a Draft Report.

B. Future Business.

The Committee resumed consideration of a Draft Report.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee proceeded to future business.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Warren Allmand;

Peter H. Russell.

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Tuesday, March 9, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, David Iftody, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: John Duncan for Derrek Konrad, Gilles Perron for Claude Bachand, Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. *From Committees and Legislative Services Directorate of the House of Commons:* Jacques Lahaie, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: As an individual: Warren Allmand, Former Minister of Indian Affairs; Peter H. Russell, University Professor.

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The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56.

On Clauses 2 and 8

It was agreed, -That the following witnesses be invited to appear before the Committee on Bill C-56.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1999

From Norway House Cree Nation:

Andrew Clarke

Myrna Gamblin

Bryan Hart

Luke Hertlein

Leonard MacKay

Alan Ross

From the Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition:

Will Braun

On Thursday, March 18, 1999

From Cross Lake First Nation:

Chief Roland Robinson

Representatives from the Youth, Women and Elders Councils

With Legal Counsel, Andrew Orkin

From the Grand Council of the Crees:

Grand Chief Matthew Cooncome

Bill Namagoose

Brian Craik

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a letter received on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 (request by four committee members)

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Steckle for David Iftody, Ted White for Myron Thompson, Gilles Perron for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee commenced consideration of a letter received on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 which read as follows:

Wednesday, February 17, 1999

Ms. Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Dear Ms. Fisher

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a meeting of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining the concerns raised by the Musqueam controversy at Musqueam Park in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Signed:

Mike Scott, M.P.

Derek Konrad, M.P.

Myron Thompson, M.P.

Claude Bachand, M.P.

And debate arising thereon:

Bob Nault moved, -That the Committee undertake to review the administration of leases under the Indian Act and examine best practice approaches.

After debate, Mike Scott moved, -That the motion be amended by inserting the word "urgently" after the word "committee".

After debate, by unanimous consent, Mike Scott withdrew his amendment.

Bryon Wilfert moved, -That the motion be amended by inserting the words ", within a reasonable time frame," after the word "undertake".

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to unanimously.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, March 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Government of Manitoba:

Gord Hannon, Crown Counsel, Civil Legal Services, Manitoba Department of Justice.

Manitoba Hydro:

Robert J. Adkins, External Counsel; Partner, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman;

R.D. Bettner, Assistant Corporate Counsel and Senior Counsel.

Norway House Cree Nation:

Fred Muskego, Councillor;

Robert F. Roddick.

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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Gilles Perron for Claude Bachand.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. *From Committees and Legislative Services Directorate, House of Commons:* Jacques Lahaie, Legislative Clerk

Witnesses: From the Norway House Cree Nation: Fred Muskego, Councillor; Robert F. Roddick, Legal Counsel. *From Manitoba Hydro:* R. D. Bettner, Assistant Corporate Counsel & Senior Counsel; Robert J. Adkins, External Counsel, Thompson, Dorfmann, Swetman. *From the Government of Manitoba:* Gord Hannon, Crown Counsel, Civil Legal Services, Department of Northern Affairs.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba. (See Minutes of Proceedings, dated, Thursday, March 2, 1999, Meeting No. 50).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clauses 2 and 8 of Bill C-56.

Councillor Fred Muskego and Robert Roddick from Norway House Cree Nation made statements and answered questions.

Robert Bettner from Manitoba Hydro made a statement and, with Robert Adkins, answered questions.

Gord Hannon from the Government of Manitoba made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition:

Ed Bianchi, National Coordinator;

Will Braun, Spokesman;

Jack McLachlin, Member.

Norway House Cree Nation:

Andrew Clarke, Band Member;

Bryan Hart, Band Member;

Luke Hertlein, Band Member;

Leonard McKay, Band Member.

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:17 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, John Finlay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Derrek Konrad,

Acting Member present: At 10:30 a.m., Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As individuals from the Norway House Cree Nation: Andrew Clarke, Band Member; Bryan Hart, Band Member; Luke Hertlein, Band Member; Leonard McKay, Band Member. From the Aboriginal Rights Coalition: Ed Bianchi, Co-ordinator. From the Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition: Will Braun, Spokesman; Jack McLachlin, Member.

Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba. (See Minutes of Proceedings, dated, Thursday, March 2, 1999, Meeting No. 50).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clauses 2 and 8 of the Bill.

Andrew Clarke made a statement and answered questions.

Bryan Hart made a statement and answered questions.

Luke Hertlein made a statement and answered questions.

Leonard McKay made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:55 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Ed Bianchi from the Aboriginal Rights Coalition and Will Braun from the Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition made statements and, with Jack McLachlin, answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., Derrek Konrad, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining the concerns raised by the Caldwell controversy in Ontario

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, John Finaly, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Claude Drouin for Guy St. Julien, Jean Guy Chretien for Claude Bachand.

Other Member present: Ted White

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee commenced consideration of a letter received, Wednesday, March 3, 1999, which reads as follows:

Ms. Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Committee and Northern Development

Dear Ms. Fisher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a meeting of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining the concerns raised by the Caldwell controversy in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Signed:

Mike Scott, M.P.

Derrek Konrad, M.P.

Myron Thompson, M.P.

Claude Bachand, M.P.

And debate arising Thereon.

Mike Scott moved, -That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development undertake a review of DIAND's proposal to create a new reserve for the Caldwell Band in the

Chatham Kent region in southwest Ontario. That the Committee requests that the present moratorium be extended until the Committee completes its review and issues a report.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on a show of hand.

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 5

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of land, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Cross Lake First nation:

Elder Sandy Beardy, Elders Council;

Jason Miller, Youth Chief;

Rita Monias, Spokesperson, Women's Council;

Roland Robinson, Chief.

Grand Council of the Crees:

Matthew Coon Come, Grand Chief;

Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations;

Bill Namagoose, Executive Director;

Andrew J. Orkin, Legal Counsel.

As Individuals:

Myrna M. Gamblin;

Ronald Niezen.

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:25 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, John Finlay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy.

Other Member present: Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers. *From Committees and Legislative Services, House of Commons:* William Farrell, Clerk.

Witnesses: As an individual: Myrna M. Gamblin, Norway House Cree Nation Band member. *From the Grand Council of the Crees:* Grand Chief Matthew Cooncome; Bill Namagoose, Executive Director; Brian Craik, Director of Federal Relations. *From the Cross Lake First Nation:* Chief Roland Robinson; Elder Sandy Beardy, Elders Council; Youth Chief Jason Miller, Youth Council; Councillor Rita Monias, Women's Council. *As an Individual:* Professor Ronald Niezen, Anthropologist, Cross Lake. *Andrew J. Orkin and Associates:* Andrew J. Orkin.

Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba. (See Minutes of Proceedings, dated, Thursday, March 2, 1999, Meeting No. 50).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clauses 2 and 8 of the Bill.

Elder Sandy Beardy opened the proceedings with a prayer.

Myrna Gamblin made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:12 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Grand Chief Matthew Cooncome made a statement and, with Andrew Orkin, Bill Namagoose, Sandy Beardy and Brian Craik, answered questions.

At 11:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:41 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Roland Robinson, Rita Monias, Jason Miller and Sandy Beardy made statements and, with

Andrew Orkin, answered questions.

At 1:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector;

Sandy Jackson, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Manitoba Region.

Government of Canada:

Ken Marchant, Agent of the Attorney General of Canada.

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott and Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Louise Hardy, Charles Hubbard for Judi Longfield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.
From Committees and Legislative Services, House of Commons: Paulette Nadeau, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Terry Henderson, Director General, Claims Implementation Branch; Ken Marchant, Legal Counsel; Sandy Jackson, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Affairs; Gord Kitchen, Director, Land Entitlement and Claims Implementation. From the Department of Justice: Trevor Heney, Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-56, An Act respecting an agreement with the Norway House Cree Nation for the settlement of matters arising from the flooding of lands, and respecting the establishment of certain reserves in the province of Manitoba. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated, Thursday, March 2, 1999, Meeting no. 50).

On Clauses 2 and 8

The witnesses answered questions.

At 11.25 a.m., the Committee proceeded to Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 10 carried severally on division.

Clause 11 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 12 and 13 carried severally on division.

Derrek Konrad moved, -That Bill C-56 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 5 of the following new clause:

"13.1 The council of a first nation, at the request of a member of that first nation, shall adopt a resolution that the entitlement of that member under an agreement be exercised in a manner other than having lands set apart as reserves, including, in particular,

(a) holding the lands in fee simple; or

(b) receiving an amount of money instead of lands."

RULING BY THE CHAIR

"Part 2 of the Bill establishes mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of claims settlements in Manitoba by the creation of reserves or the addition of land to existing reserves.

The amendment proposed by the Member appears to be inconsistent with the agreement since it proposes that entitlement be exercised in a manner other than having lands set apart as reserves. It therefore goes beyond the scope of the Bill and is contrary to citation 698(1) of Beauchesne's Parliament Rules and Forms (6th edition) which reads as follows: "An amendment is out of order if its is irrelevant to the bill, beyond its scope or governed by or dependent upon amendments already negated."

Consequently, I rule the amendment out of order."

Clause 14 carried on division.

The Committee reverted to consideration of Clause 11.

After debate, Clause 11 carried on division.

The Schedule carried on division.

Clause 1 carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill carried on division, on the following recorded division:

YEAS

John Bryden

John Finlay

David Iftody

Nancy Karetak-Lindell

Charles Hubbard

Robert Nault

Bev Desjarlais

Gerald Keddy (8)

NAYS

Derrek Konrad

Claude Bachand (2)

ORDERED, -That the Chairman report the Bill to the House.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Derrek Konrad, Judi Longfield, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee approve the working budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000 in the amount of \$57, 700.00.

The Committee resumed consideration of a Draft Report.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block.

Member(s) of the Committee present:

Acting Member(s) present:

Associate Member(s) present:

In attendance:

Witness(es):

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michel Blondin, Manager, Policy Planning, Lands Directorate;

Robert EyahpaiSe, Director, Lands Directorate;

Serge Larose, Manager, Policy Operations, Lands Directorate;

Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services.

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott and Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; Randy Brant, Director General, Lands & Environment Branch; Robert Eyahpaise, Director, Lands Directorate; Michel Blondin, Manager, Policy Planning, Lands Directorate; Serge Larose, Manager, Policy Operations, Lands Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act. (See Minutes of Proceeding dated Wednesday, March 10, 1999, Meeting No. 53)

Bob Watts and Robert Eyahpaise made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:44 a.m., the Vice-Chair took the Chair.

At 11:50 a.m., the Chair took the Chair.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Danielle Vachon

Committee Clerk

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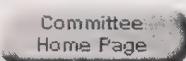
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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

The Committee resumed consideration of a Draft Report.

It was agreed, on division, -That the Interim Draft Report, as amended, of the Committee, on urgent issues arising from visits to Northern Quebec and Nunavut, in relation to its study under Standing Order 108(2) of Aboriginal Economic Development, be adopted as the Committee's Seventh Report, and that the Chair be instructed to present the said Report to the House.

It was agreed, -That the Title of the Report be: Aboriginal Economic Development: Urgent Issues Arising from Visits to Northern Quebec and Nunavut

It was agreed, - That the Seventh Report be printed in accordance with the policy established by the Board of Internal Economy in a tumble bilingual format.

It was agreed, -That the Committee authorize the Chair to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the Report within 30 days.

It was agreed, -That the Seventh Report be translated into Inuktitut and Cree.

It was agreed, -That the Committee hear from the Musqueam Park Residents Association on Thursday, May 6, 1999, in relation to its review, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), of the Administration of Leases under the Indian Act.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, May 6, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the administration of leases under the Indian Act

WITNESSES:

Musqueam Park Residents Association:

David Abbott, Member;

Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Spokesperson;

Grace Ng, Member;

Kathy Scheideman, Member.

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Thursday, May 6, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Member present: John Reynolds for Mike Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Musqueam Park Residents Association: Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Spokesperson; Grace Ng, Member; Kathy Scheideman, Member; David Abbott, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee continued its review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act. (See Minutes of Proceedings dated Wednesday, March 10, 1999, Meeting No. 53)

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000: VOTES 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25, L30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, laid upon the table on March 1, 1999 be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Consideration of the 1999-2000 Estimates, Part III – Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission

APPEARING:

Honourable Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Bill Austin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government;

James R. Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs;

Scott Serson, Deputy Minister;

Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Programming,
and Program Re-design Sector.

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Bryden, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Guy St-Julien, Myron Thompson and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Roy Cullen for Robert Nault, John Duncan for Mike Scott.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: The Hon. Jane Stewart, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Bill Austin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Brent DiBartolo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; James R. Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs Program; Scott Serson, Deputy Minister, Deputy Minister's Office; Dennis Wallace, Associate Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy minister Office; Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; Cynthia Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programming and Programming.

The Orders of Reference being read as follows:

ORDERED, - That the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000: VOTES 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25, L30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT, laid upon the table on March 1, 1999 be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. (*Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons, Monday, March 1, 1999*)

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), consideration of the 1999-2000 Estimates, Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission.

The Chair called Vote 1.

It was agreed, -That the text of the Minister's speech be taken as read into the record.

The Honourable Jane Stewart made a statement and answered questions.

Scott Serson, Cynthia Williams, Bill Austin and James Moore answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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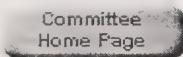
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Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, June 1st, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Louise Hardy, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Mike Scott and Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jill Wherrett, Research Officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

It was agreed, -That Chief Ernest Campbell and Lewis Harvey, Legal Council from the Musqueam First Nation be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, June 8, 1999 on a review of the administration of leases under the Indian Act.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act

Study of the crisis in the emergency medical evacuation system in the North

WITNESSES:

Air Inuit:

Peter Horsman, President.

First Air:

Bob Davis, President.

Makivik Corporation:

Pita Aatami, President.

Musqueam First Nation:

Ernest Campbell, Chief;
Andrew Charles, Elder;
Nolan Charles, Councillor;
Allyson Fraser, Councillor;
Lewis Harvey, Counsel;
Jordan Point, Councillor.

Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services:

Jean Dupuis, Chairman; Director, Nunavik Operations, Air Inuit.

Town of Kangiqsualujjuaq:

Maggie Emudluk, Mayor.

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, John Bryden, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Mike Scott and Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Musqueam First Nation: Chief Ernest Campbell; Andrew Charles, Councillor; Jordan Point, Councillor; Lewis Harvey, Counsel; Allyson Fraser, Councillor; Nolan Charles, Councillor. From the Makivik Corporation: Pita Aatami, President. From the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services: Jean Dupuis, President & Base Manager, Air Inuit. From Air Inuit Ltd.: Peter Horsman, Executive Vice-President. From First Air: Robert Davis, President. From the Town of Kangirsualujuaq: Maggie Emudluk, Mayor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, March 10, 1999, Meeting No. 53*).

The Chief Ernest Campbell made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses from the Musqueam First Nation, answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the crisis in the emergency medical evacuation system in the North.

Pita Aatami, Jean Dupuis, Maggie Emudluk, Peter Horsman and Bob Davis made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, --That the following documents, referred to by the witnesses, be published as an appendix to today's Evidence: letter to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien dated June 4, 1999 and letter to the Standing Committee dated June 8, 1999 signed by Jean Dupuis; letter to Guy St. Julien dated June 6, 1999 signed by Peter Horsman and a brief from Air Inuit to the Standing Committee dated May 20, 1998.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Meeting No. 67

Thursday, June 10, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act

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Meeting No. 67

Thursday, June 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Guy St-Julien, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: John Bryden, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Robert D. Nault, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Pierre de Savoye for Claude Bachand, Ovid Jackson for Sue Barnes, Jacques Saada for David Iftody, Ivan Grose for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Bob Speller for Lawrence O'Brien. At 10:06 a.m., Lynn Myers for Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley and Jill Wherrett, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its review of the administration of Leases under the Indian Act.

John Bryden moved, -That this Committee agree to recommend to the Minister that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Musqueam Band share equally in the cost of a buyout of the leasehold interests of the tenants in Parcel A at 66.66 percent of the appraised value of those interests.

After debate,

John Bryden moved, -That the motion be amended by replacing the words "66.66 per cent" with the words "a percentage".

After debate,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, -That the motion and the amendment be allowed to stand.

At 10:02 a.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference, Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), crisis in the emergency medical evacuation system in the North. (*See Minutes of Proceedings dated Tuesday, June 8, 1999, Meeting No. 66*)

Pierre de Savoye moved, That the Committee recommend to the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development reconsideration of:

1. An interim duty-time waiver for Air Inuit approximating pre-Canadian Aviation Regulation (CARs) standards, in cases of odd and extreme events.
2. Such a waiver to be conditional upon a strict operational specification, to be determined in conjunction with Transport Canada.
3. Such a waiver to be in force until the permanent ability to respond to extreme emergency events in

Nunavik is reasonably ensured.

After debate,

Derrek Konrad moved, -That the motion be amended by replacing the words "Air Inuit" with the words "air carriers in northern and remote areas", and by replacing the word "Nunavik" with the words "northern and remote areas".

The question was put on the amendment, and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the motion, as amended and, it was agreed to on a show of hands:

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Pierre de Savoye moved, -That the Committee further recommend to the Ministers of Transport, Health and Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

That the government of Canada, in consultation with the provinces, ensure that emergency medical response services are available in remote and northern areas 24 hours a day.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

ORDERED -That the Chair convey the Committee's recommendations on emergency medical response services by letter to the Ministers of Transport, Health, and Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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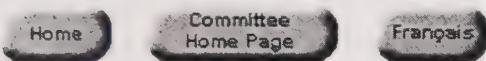
Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, Paul DeVillers, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Ivan Grose, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Member present: Paul Crête for Claude Bachand.

Organization meeting pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and 106(2), Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That Sue Barnes do take the Chair of this Committee.

Sue Barnes took the Chair.

It was agreed, -That Derrek Konrad be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, -That John Finlay be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That the Chair, the Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, a representative of each of the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party, and two (2) additional representatives from the Liberal Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That the Committee retain the services of one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the Opposition;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated five (5) minutes for the first questioner (of each party) and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between opposition and government parties, at the discretion of the Chair;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation, and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of two (2) representatives for any one organization;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee, the appropriate measures to provide meals for the Committee for working purposes, and that the cost of these meals be charged to the budget of the Committee;

By unanimous consent, on motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, -That, unless there is unanimous consent, forty eight (48) hours notice must be given to the Members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee.

On motion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, - That, when witnesses are appearing before the Committee, any questions on procedure or administrative matters, not related to the order of the day, be postponed until the end of the questioning of witnesses, at the discretion of the Chair.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Sue Barnes, Lib.

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, Paul DeVillers, John Finlay, Ivan Grose, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Randy White for Jim Gouk.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of future business with reference to Bill C-9, the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

The Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met at 9:40 a.m. this day on the subject of Bill C-9 and agreed to recommend the following:

- That the itinerary for hearings in British Columbia from November 14-20, 1999 be as follows: Terrace, Smithers, Prince George, Victoria and Vancouver;
- That the Committee authorize the Chair's assistant, the Parliamentary Secretary's assistant and one assistant from each of the opposition parties to accompany the Committee to British Columbia and that their accommodation, per diem and ground travel costs only be met by the Committee;
- That the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs be invited to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, November 3, 1999;
- That the Nisga'a representatives be invited to appear on Thursday, November 4, 1999;
- That these meetings be televised.
- That videoconferencing be used, as necessary, for hearings in Ottawa;
- That a list of potential witnesses be presented to the Standing Committee for approval.

Respectfully submitted

After debate, it was agreed, -That recommendation 1-6 be adopted.

Debate arose on recommendation no.7, list of potential witnesses.

After debate, it was agreed, -That the list of potential witnesses be amended and adopted as follows:

WITNESS LIST

1. Overview

- Hon. Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- Chief Joseph Gosnell and members of the Nisga'a Tribal council

2. Constitutional

- Dean Peter Hogg (Osgoode Hall)
- Prof. Patrick Monahan (Osgoode Hall)
- Prof. Hamar Foster Associate Dean of Law (University of Victoria)
- Prof. Doug Sanders, Law (University of British Columbia)
- Prof. Stephen Scott (McGill University)
- Prof. Brad Morse (University of Ottawa)
- Prof. Tom Flanagan (University of Alberta)
- Gordon Gibson, Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute

3. Business

- Brian Smith, Chair (British Columbia Hydro & Power Authority)
- David MacLean (CN Rail)
- Milton Wong, Vice President (HSBC Asset Management Canada Ltd.)
- Wilson Stothert, Chairman (Vancouver Board of Trade)
- Jerry Lampert (B.C. Business Council)

• 4. Academics

- Prof. Paul Tenant, Political Science (University of British Columbia)
- Mel Smith, Q.C., Former Constitutional Adviser to B.C. Governments

- Terry Glavin, Author

5. Economic Development

- Robin Richardson, President, R.L. Richardson & Associates
- Roslyn Kunin, Chief Economist, Laurier Institute
- Prof. Rod Dobell, Public Policy, (University of Victoria)
- Bill Robson, C.D. Howe Institute

6. First Nations

- Representatives of the Gitksan Nation
- Representatives of the Gitanyow Nation
- Miles Richardson, Chief Commissioner, British Columbia Treaty Commission
- Peter Meekason, former Attorney General of Alberta
- National Chief Phil Fontaine, Assembly of First Nations
- Marilyn Buffalo, President, Native Women's Association of Canada
- B.C. Native Women's Society Representative
- Chief Billy Diamond
- Harry Daniels, President , Congress of Aboriginal Peoples

7. Municipal government

- Mayor Jack Talstra, City of Terrace, B.C.
- Mayor Jack Mussallem, City of Prince Rupert, B.C.
- Joanne Monaghan, Chair, Kitimat, Stikine Regional District, B.C.

8. Third parties

- Bill Young, Nass Camp B.C.
- Mike Harcourt, Former Premier of British Columbia (NDP)
- Margaret Piper, University of British Columbia
- David Mitchell, Simon Fraser University
- Mavis Gillie, LAN (aboriginal support network)

- Gordon Campbell, leader of the British Columbia Liberal Party
- Hon. Dale Lovick, British Columbia Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- Frank Barton, member of the Nisga'a Nation
- Jim Davidson, former mayor, Smithers, B.C.
- Deb Logan, B.C. Shell Fishing Association
- Gary Livingstone, B.C. Mining Association

9. Natural Resources

Forestry

- David Suzuki Foundation (David Suzuki or Jim Fulton, Executive Director)
- Ron McDonald (President, B.C. Council of Forest Industries)
- Prof. Peter Pearse (University of British Columbia)
- Doug Routledge, Northern Forest Products Association
- Lorne Leech, B.C. Cattlemen's Association
- Dale Brown, B.C. Guide Outfitters Association

Fisheries / Pêches

- Phillip Eidsvik, Executive Director, B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition
- Prof. Parzival Copes, Professor of Economics Emeritus (Simon Fraser University)
- Dr. Carl Walters, Professor of Fisheries and Zoology (University of British Columbia)
- Karl K. English, Vice-President, LGL Limited Environmental Research Associates
- Iona Campagnolo, Fraser Basin Council
- Mike Hunter, former President, Fisheries Council of B.C.
- Bill Blocker, B.C. Wildlife Federation

10. Labour organizations

- Jim Sinclair, President, British Columbia Federation of Labour
- Mr. Radosevic, Canadian Auto Workers
- David Haggard, President, Industrial Wood and Allied Workers of Canada

- Ken Georgetti, President , Canadian Labour Congress
- Randy Dobson, Canadian Pulpworkers' Union, Kitimat, B.C.

The First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, was adopted.

Pursuant to an Order of the House "That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development be authorized to travel to Victoria, Vancouver, Terrace, Prince George and Smithers, British Columbia, during the week of November 14 to 20, 1999 during its consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act", dated Monday, November 1, 1999.

The Chair presented a travel budget in the amount of \$206,563.83

It was moved, -That the budget be increased in the amount of \$20,000.00 as additional contingency funds.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

The travel budget, as amended, was approved in the amount of \$226,563.83

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

APPEARING:

Honourable Robert D. Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Tom Molloy, Chief Federal Negotiator;

John Watson, Regional Director General, British Columbia Region.

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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, Paul DeVillers, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Ivan Grose, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Member present: Svend Robinson for Louise Hardy at 4:53 p.m..

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate of the House of Commons:* Roger Préfontaine, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: The Honourable Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Tom Molloy, Chief Federal Negotiator; John Watson, Regional Director General, British Columbia Region.

The Order of Reference being read as follows:

ORDERED - That Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. (Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons of Monday, November 1, 1999)

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the preamble and Clause 1 of the Bill is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

The Honourable Robert Nault made a statement and, with Tom Molloy and John Watson, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Mike Scott replied to a statement made by Sven Robinson.

At 6:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

Nisga'a Tribal Council:

James Aldridge, legal Counsel;

Joseph Gosnell, President;

Nelson Leeson, Executive Chairman;

Harry Nyce, Senior Resources Negotiator;

Edmond Wright, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, Paul DeVillers, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Ivan Grose, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Member present: Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

Other Member present: Svend Robinson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Nisga'a Tribal Council: Dr. Joseph Gosnell, President; Edmond Wright, Secretary-Treasurer; Nelson Leeson, Executive Chairman; Harry Nyce, Senior Resources Negotiator; James Aldridge, Legal Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement. (*See Minutes of Proceeding dated Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*)

On Clause 2

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:50 o'clock a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:55 o'clock a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*, by unanimous consent, to discuss future business.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Monday, November 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, an Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

City of Terrace:

Jack Talstra, Mayor.

Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine:

Joanne Monaghan, Chair.

As Individuals:

Frank Barton;

Bill Young.

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Meeting No. 5

Monday, November 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 1:45 p.m. this day, in Terrace, BC, Best Western Terrace Inn, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Cliff Breitkreuz for Derrek Konrad.

Other Member present: Daniel Turp.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the City of Terrace: Jack Talstra, Mayor. *From the Kitimat Stikine Regional District:* Joanne Monaghan, Chair. *As an individual:* Bill Young, Businessman; Frank Barton, Nisga'a Member.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Frank Barton and Bill Young made statements and answered questions.

Jack Talstra and Joanne Monaghan made statements and answered questions.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Monday, November 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

B.C. Shellfish Growers' Association:

Debra Logan, Land Claims Committee Chair.

British Columbia Fisheries Survival Coalition:

Phillip Eidsvik, Executive Director.

LGL Limited Environmental Research Associates:

Karl K. English, Vice-President.

As Individual:

Parzival Copes, professor.

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Meeting No. 6

Monday, November 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Terrace, BC, Best Western Terrace Inn, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Daniel Turp for Ghislain Fournier.

Other Member present: Daniel Turp.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the British Columbia Fisheries Survival Coalition: Phillip Eidsvik, Executive Director. From the LGL Limited Environmental Research Associates: Karl K. English, Vice President. From the BC Shellfish Growers' Association: Debra Logan, Land Claims Committee Chair. As an individual: Parzival Copes, Professor of Economics Emeritus, Simon Fraser University.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Phillip Eidsvik, Karl English, Debra Logan and Parzival Copes made statements, and answered questions.

At 6:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

Gitxsan Nation:

Jim Angus, Chief;

Elmer Derrick, Chief, Negotiator;

Earl Muldon, Chief;

Martha Ridsdale, Chief;

Gordon Sebastian, Member of Xsimwitziin.

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:45 a.m. this day, in Smithers, BC, Friendship Centre Society Community Hall, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Other Member present: Daniel Turp.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Gitxsan Nation: Chief Martha Ridsdale; Chief Jim Angus, Wielasst; Chief Earl Muldon, Delgamuukw; Gordon Sebastien, Member, xsimuziim; Elmer Derrick, Yobx; Chief Art Wilson; Chief Charlotte Sullivan, Wu goo bl; Art Mathews, Interpreter; Chief Rosaline Starr, Gus da dahl; George Muldow, Member Delgamuukw.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Chief Martha Rodsdale made a statement.

Chief Jim Angus and Chief Earl Muldon made statements and, with Gordon Sebastien and Elmer Derrick answered questions.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

Gitanyow Nation:

Philip Daniels, Hereditary Chief;

Bob Good, Chief;

Debbie Good, Traditional Use Study Coordinator;

Peter Grant, Lawyer;

Greg Rush;

Darlene Vegh, Global Information System;

Glen Williams, Chief Negotiator.

As Individual:

Jim Davidson.

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 12:40 p.m. this day, in Smithers, BC, Friendship Centre Society Community Hall, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Other Member present: Daniel Turp.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Gitanyow Nation: Glen Williams, Chief Negotiator, (Akwin Desxw); Darlene Vegh, GIS Global Information System; Debbie Good, Traditional Use Study Coordinator; Phillip Daniels, Hereditary Chief, (Gwass Hlaam); Bob Good, Hereditary Chief, (Sindihl); Greg Rush; Peter Grant, Lawyer; Timy Martin, Fisheries; Chief Ken Russell, (Hizimskue). *As an individual:* Jim Davidson, Former Mayor of Smithers.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Glen Williams made a statement.

Darlene Vegh and Debbie Good made statements.

Phillip Daniels, Bob Good and Greg Rush made statements.

It was agreed, -That the brief presented by the Gitanyow Nation and its Appendices, be appended in its entirety and in the format as presented to today's Evidence.

Peter Grant, Legal Counsel to the Gitanyow Nation made a statement and, with Glen Williams answered questions.

At 2:30 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 2:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jim Davidson, former Mayor of Smithers, made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Wildlife Federation:

Les Husband, President.

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Jack Nichol, Past President, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union.

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:22 a.m. this day, in Prince George, BC, Coast Inn of the North, Tabor Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Dick Harris for Derrek Konrad.

Other Member present: Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk

Witnesses: From the Canadian Auto Workers Union: Jack Nichol, Past President, UFAWU. *From the British Columbia Wildlife Federation:* Les Husband, President.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Jack Nichol made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Les Husband made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

LAN (Aboriginal Support Network):

Foster J.K. Griezic, Delegated Spokesperson for Mavis Gillies.

As Individual:

Terry Glavin.

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 2:05 p.m. this day, in Prince George, BC, Coast Inn of the North, Tabor Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly and Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Dick Harris for Derrek Konrad.

Other Member present: Jay Hill.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the LAN - (aboriginal support network): Foster J.K. Griezic, (delegated spokesperson for Mavis Gillie). *As an individual:* Terry Glavin, Author.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Terry Glavin made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Foster J.K. Griezic made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:

Doug Sanders, Professor, Faculty of Law;

Paul Tennant, Professor, Faculty of Political Science.

University of Victoria:

Hamar Foster, Professor, Associate Dean of Law.

As Individual:

Melvin H. Smith.

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:25 a.m. this day, in Victoria, BC, The Empress Hotel, Chrystal Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott,

Acting Member present: Gary Lunn for Derrek Konrad.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. *From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the University of British Columbia: Prof. Doug Sanders, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law; Paul Tenant, Professor Political Science, Faculty of Political Science. *From the University of Victoria:* Hamar Foster, Associate Dean of Law. *As an individual:* Melvin H. Smith, Q.C., Former Constitutional Adviser to B.C. Governments.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

British Columbia Treaty Commission:

Miles Richardson, Chief Commissioner.

Fraser Institute:

Gordon Gibson, Senior Fellow.

Government of British Columbia:

The Honourable Dale Lovick, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.

Liberal Party of British Columbia:

Gordon Campell, Leader.

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 1:22 p.m. this day, in Victoria , BC, The Empress Hotel, Crystal Room, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Members present: Gary Lunn for Derrek Konrad.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.
From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Government of British Columbia: The Honourable Dale Lovick, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; Patrick O'Rourke, Assistant Deputy Minister. From the British Columbia Treaty Commission: Miles Richardson, Chief Commissioner; Peter Lusztig, Commissioner. From the Liberal Party of British Columbia: Gordon Campbell, Leader of the Official Opposition; Geoff Plant, MLA, Richmond-Steveston; Michael de Jong, MLA. From the Fraser Institute: Gordon Gibson, Senior Fellow.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

The Honourable Dale Lovick made a statement and answered questions.

Miles Richardson made a statement and answered questions.

Gordon Gibson and Gordon Campbell made statements and answered questions.

At 3:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 13

Friday, November 19, 1999

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WITNESSES:

C.D. Howe Institute:

John Richards, Adjunct Scholar.

David Suzuki Fondation:

Jim Fulton, Executive Director.

Laurier Institute:

Roslyn Kunin, Chief Economist.

R.M. Richardson and Associates:

Robin M. Richardson, President.

University of Victoria:

Rod Dobell, Professor.

As Individual:

Mike Harcourt.



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Meeting No. 13

Friday, November 19, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Vancouver, BC, Crowne Plaza Hotel Georgia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Jim Gouk, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly.

Acting Members present: Val Meredith for Derrek Konrad; John Cummings for Mike Scott; Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

Other Member present: Paul Forseth.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the C.D. Howe Institute: John Richards, Adjunct Scholar. As an individual: Mike Harcourt, Former Premier of British Columbia. From Laurier Institution (The): Dr. Roslyn Kunin, Executive Director. From R.M. Richardson and Associates: Robin M. Richardson, President. From the University of Victoria: Rod Dobell, Professor of Public Policy. From the David Suzuki Foundation: Jim Fulton, Executive Director.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

John Richards, Mike Harcourt, and Roslyn Kunin made statements.

At 9:51, a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:52, a.m., the sitting resumed.

Rod Dobell and Jim Fulton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Legilative Clerk

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Meeting No. 14

Friday, November 19, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

B.C. Government and Service Employees Union:

John Shields, Past President.

B.C. Hydro & Power Authority:

Brian Smith, Chair.

British Columbia Federation of Labour:

Angela Schira, Secretary-Treasurer;

Jim Sinclair, President.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Ken Georgetti, President.

Canadian National Railway:

David G. McLean, Chairman of the Board.

Laurier Institution:

Milton Wong, Chairman.

As Individual:

Winston Stothert.

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Meeting No. 14

Friday, November 19, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 1:13 p.m. this day, in Vancouver, BC, Crowne Plaza Hotel Georgia, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, Jim Gouk, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly.

Acting Members present: Val Meredith for Derrek Konrad; Paul Forseth for Mike Scott; Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From B.C. Hydro & Power Authority: Brian Smith, Chair. From the Vancouver Board of Trade: Win Stothert, Chairman, Stothert Group Inc. From HSBC Asset Management Canada Ltd.: Milton Wong, Vice President. From the Canadian National Railway: David MacLean, Chairman. From the Canadian Labour Congress: Ken Georgetti, President; John Shields, Past President, BC Government and Service Employees Union. From the British Columbia Federation of Labour: Jim Sinclair, President; Angela Schira, Secretary Treasurer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Brian Smith, Winston Stothert, Milton Wong and David McLean made statements and answered questions.

At 3:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jim Sinclair, Ken Georgetti and John Shields made statements and with Angela Schira answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

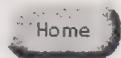
McGill University:

Tom Flanagan, Seagram Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies;

Stephen Scott, Professor, Faculty of Law.

University of Ottawa:

Bradford W. Morse, Professor, Faculty of Law.



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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:37 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ivan Grose, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers. From the House of Commons Committees and Legislative Services Directorate: Richard Dupuis, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From McGill University: Tom Flanagan, Seagram Visiting Professor, Canadian Studies; Prof. Stephen Scott. From the University of Ottawa: Bradford W. Morse, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

It was agreed, That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development seek permission from the House to televise its meetings on Wednesday, November 24 in the afternoon and Thursday, November 25 in the morning for its study on Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

York University:

Peter Hogg, Professor and Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School;

Patrick Monahan, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School.

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 1:00 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From Osgoode Hall: Peter Hogg, Dean; Prof. Patrick Monahan.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Professor Patrick Monahan and Dean Peter Hogg each made opening statement and answered questions.

At 2:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

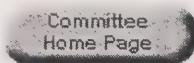
Phil Fontaine, National Chief.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:

Frank Palmater, Vice-President.

As Individual:

Billy Diamond.



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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Member present: Svend Robinson for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations: Chief Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Jack London, Legal Counsel. As an individual: Dr. Billy Diamond, Former Chief, Waskaganish Nation. From the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: Frank Palmater, Vice-President.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee resumed consideration of Clause 2.

Chief Phil Fontaine, Billy Diamond and Frank Palmater each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Mining Association:

Gary Livingstone, President and Chief Executive Officer.

British Columbia Native Women's Association:

Barbara Clifton, Chief, Gitxsan Nation.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Marilyn Buffalo, President.



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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:45 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, John O'Reilly and Mike Scott.

Acting Member present: Libby Davies for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Native Women's Association of Canada: Marilyn Buffalo, President; Joan C. Phillip, Representative. *From the British Columbia Mining Association:* Gary Livingstone, President & CEO.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

Marilyn Buffalo and Joan C. Phillip each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m. the sitting was suspended

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Gary Livingstone made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, November 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement

WITNESSES:

Department of Indians Affairs and Northern Development:

Tom Molloy, Chief Federal Negotiator.

Department of Justice:

Andrew Beynon, Senior Counsel, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office.



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Meeting No. 19

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, , Ghislain Fournier, Ivan Grose, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

Acting Members present: Lynn Myers for John Finally; Maurice Vellacott for Jim Gouk; Pat Martin for Louise Hardy.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Tom Molloy, Chief Federal Negotiator; John Watson, Regional Director General, British Columbia Region.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Monday, November 1st, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-9, An Act to give effect to the Nisga'a Final Agreement (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

It was agreed, -That five minutes be allowed for each party on each issue.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive carried.

Clause 5 stood.

Clauses 6 to 10 inclusive carried.

Clause 11 stood.

Clauses 12 to 27 inclusive carried.

Clause 1 carried.

With unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of Clause 5.

Derrek Konrad moved, -That Bill C-9, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 3 with the following:

"The Nisga'a Final Agreement is binding on all persons."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negative on a recorded division:

YEAS

Maurice Vellacott

Derek Konrad

Mike Scott

NAYS

Sue Barnes

Ray Bonin

Lynn Myers

Ivan Grose

David Iftody

Nancy Karetak-Lindell

John O'Reilly

Guy St-Julien

Claude Bachand

Gerald Keddy

Pat Martin

Clause 5 carried on division.

With unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of Clause 11.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negative on a recorded division.

YEAS

Maurice Vellacott

Derek Konrad

Mike Scott

NAYS

Sue Barnes

Ray Bonin

Lynn Myers

Ivan Grose

David Iftody

Nancy Karetak-Lindell

John O'Reilly

Guy St-Julien

Claude Bachand

Gerald Keddy

Pat Martin

Clause 11 carried on division.

Derrek Konrad moved, -That Bill C-9, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 4 with the following:

"Agreement and including any amendments any amendments made to that Agreements from time to time."

On the Preamble Derrek Konrad moved, -That Bill C-9, in the preamble, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 1 with the following:

"Whereas"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on a recorded division.

YEAS

Maurice Vellacott

Derek Konrad

Mike Scott

NAYS

Sue Barnes

Ray Bonin

Lynn Myers

Ivan Grose

David Iftody

Nancy Karetak-Lindell

John O'Reilly

Guy St-Julien

Claude Bachand

Gerald Keddy

Pat Martin

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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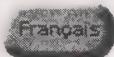
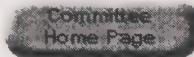
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Wednesday, March 29, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business





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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:56 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly, Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of future business.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be invited to appear before the Committee on the Main Estimates 2000-2001 and on future expenditures plans and priorities of the Department.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the letter of the Minister of Indian Affairs to the Chair of the Committee.

That the Research Officers will draft a mandate in the light of the letter of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

That the clerk of the Committee organize a briefing meeting with senior officials of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on the Indian Act and the accountability.

That the Clerk will prepare a budget for the next meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2000.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the 2000-2001 Estimates, Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission

APPEARING:

Honourable Robert D. Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indians Affairs and Northern Development:

Shirley Serafini, Deputy Minister;

Gordon Shanks, Assistant Deputy Minister;

Dennis Wallace, Associate Deputy Minister.



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Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, John Finlay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Ray Bonin, Finlay, Ghislain Fournier, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Gerald Keddy, Derrek Konrad, Mike Scott, Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: The Honourable Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Shirley Serafini, Deputy Minister, Deputy Minister's Office; Dennis Wallace, Associate Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy Minister Office; Gordon Shanks, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 81(7), the Committee resumed consideration of the 2000-2001 Estimates, Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission.

The Minister made an opening statement and with Dennis Wallace and Gordon Shanks, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad.*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.*Witnesses:* From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; Ray Hatfield, A/Director General, Registration, Revenues and Band Governance Branch, Lands and Trust Services; Al Broughton, Senior Counsel, Lands, Trust and Corporate Services, Legal Services Branch.In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the *Indian Act*.

Bob Watts made an opening statement and with Al Broughton and Roy Hatfield, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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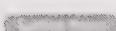
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Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, Ray Bonin, John Finlay, Louise Hardy, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly.

In attendance: From the Research Department of the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Bob Watts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; Ray Hatfield, A/Director General, Registration, Revenues and Band Governance Branch, Lands and Trust Services; Al Broughton, Senior Counsel, Lands, Trust and Corporate Services, Legal Services Branch.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the *Indian Act*.

Bob Watts made an opening statement and, with Ray Hatfield and Al Broughton, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, Ivan Grose, Louise Hardy, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad, Mike Scott.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Ray Bonin; Lou Sekora for John O'Reilly.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: *From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:* Bill Austin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Gordon Shanks, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Cal Hegge, Director, Transfer Payments Directorate.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the *Indian Act*.

Gordon Shanks and Bill Austin, each made an opening statement and, with Cal Hegge, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee proceeded to its future business.

It was agreed, -That the Committee invite the following witnesses:

1. Stephen Cornell from Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and from Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy: Self-Governance and Economic Development for Native Nations: Implications and Models from U.S. Cases.
2. The Assembly of First Nations on the Joint Initiative for Policy Development.
3. The Auditor General or his representatives on the Chapter 4 (the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Elementary and Secondary Education) of the 2000 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
4. The Auditor General or his representatives on the chapter 10 (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Funding arrangements for First Nations) of the 1999 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
5. Representatives from the Metis.
6. Representatives from the Inuit.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee resumed the questioning of witnesses.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, John Finlay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, David Iftody, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations; Grant Wilson, Principal, Audit Operations.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of Chapter 4 of the April 2000 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Elementary and Secondary Education).

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Grant Wilson, answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., Sue Barnes took the Chair.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Aboriginal Economic Development

WITNESS:

University of Arizona:

Stephen Cornell, Professor, Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.



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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Derrek Konrad.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witness: From the Harvard Project: Stephen Cornell, Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, University of Arizona.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration on its study of Aboriginal Economic Development.

Stephen Cornell made an opening statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, -That the presentation of Mr. Stephen Cornell be appended.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Sue Barnes, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 10 of the April 1999 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Funding Arrangements for First Nations: Follow-ups)

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations;

Grant Wilson, Principal, Audit Operations.



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Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Sue Barnes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Sue Barnes, John Finlay, David Iftody, Derrek Konrad, John O'Reilly.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Researcher; Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations; Grant Wilson, Principal, Audit Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of Chapter 10 of the April 1999 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Funding Arrangements for First Nations: Follow-ups).

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Grant Wilson, answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Guy St-Julien, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 5, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and 106(2).

Members of the Committee present: Claude Bachand, Reed Elley, John Finlay, Ivan Grose, John O'Reilly.

Acting Members present: Joe Fontana for Reg Alcock, Claude Drouin for Réginald Bélair, Bernard Patry for Gerry Byrne, Carolyn Parrish for Stan Dromisky, Charles Hubbard for Guy St-Julien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, researcher; Tonina Simeone, research officer.

Organization meeting pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and 106(2), Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Yvan Grose, it was agreed, -That John O'Reilly do take the Chair of this Committee.

John O'Reilly took the Chair.

On motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, -That Nancy Karetak Lindell be elected Vice-Chair in absentia.

On motion of Claude Bachand, it was agreed, -That Reed Elley be elected Vice-Chair.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

